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DIAMOND ROMANCE FAREWELL GIFT TO ADMIRAL SIMS



Mr. Giles, the Hatton Garden diamond broker.



Mrs. Clara Whiteley, who was taken into custody.



The diamonds after their recovery.

Mr. William Giles, of Hatton Garden, has got back the four diamonds, worth between £3,000 and £4,000, which were stolen from him. He fetched them himself from a bed of bulls, after their whereabouts had been revealed, and travelled to Ireland for the purpose. Mrs. Clara Whiteley has been arrested in connection with the theft.



Admiral Sims admiring the George II. tea and coffee service which was presented to him yesterday at the luncheon given in his honour by the American Luncheon Club. He is returning shortly to the United States, and his farewell speech paid a glowing tribute to the Allied Forces.

A RECORD OF GOOD SERVICE IN DIFFERENT SPHERES OF ACTIVITY: WOUNDED GIRL TO RECEIVE A MEDAL.



Mr. Harry Payne, a well-known swimmer, who has died. He recruited hundreds of men and taught them bayonet fighting. He lost an eye at the front.



Dr. Jai Jamsedji Madirshah, who died from blood poisoning after holding a post-mortem. A tiny hole was found in his rubber glove.



Major A. H. S. Waters, V.O., D.S.O., M.C., Royal Engineers, who will be decorated by the King to-day with all the decorations mentioned.



Mr. Samuel Hilton, station-master at Bamber Bridge, Lancs., who is retiring with an unbroken record of fifty-one years' service.



Miss Ethel Graco Cartledge, Q.M.A.A.C., awarded the M.M. for gallantry during an air raid. She "carried on" after being wounded.

"NO WASTE OF UNEMPLOYMENT."

Premier's Appeal for Our Disabled Soldiers.

"A GREAT OVERHAULING."

Call to Employers and Men— "Speed-Up Industry."

"There is no more urgent problem than to give our disabled soldiers the sense of just and honourable treatment and to re-establish our industrial life on the basis of the friendliest co-operation and good will.

"Let those who fought our battles join with those who wrought for them in field, factory and workshop to establish an era of peace, productivity and prosperity in the great world of industry and commerce.

This is an extract from an appeal which the Prime Minister has sent out from Downing-street to employers on behalf of those disabled in the country's service.

Mr Lloyd George emphasises the fact that a great overhauling is necessary, and that men and material must be used to the fullest advantage.

"FULL SPEED AHEAD!"

Premier: Use Men and Material to Fullest Advantage.

In his appeal Mr. Lloyd George says:—
The claims of officers and men who have been disabled in the nation's service merit full and generous consideration at the hands of the State, and provision is already being made for their support in the form of pensions and other allowances.

But just as the disabled man went forth to battle to fight for his country's cause, he deserves now to resume his place in the ranks of industry and to make his contribution in building up a better Britain.

The State will provide industrial training to fit a man for work if he cannot resume his old vocation, but the first step is obviously for employers of labour, wherever possible, to reinstate their old workmen and to use their services for their own and the country's good in employment suitable to their strength and capacity.

A great overhauling is necessary. Men and material must be used to the fullest advantage. Inefficiency and waste must be eliminated.

There is no more serious waste than unemployment, and I am confident that British industry, by reorganising its ranks and speeding-up and intensifying production, can provide the opportunity for profitable labour and remuneration for every workman in the land.

I have every confidence in appealing to the workpeople of our country to co-operate with employers in finding employment for their

THE WEEK'S BEST VIEWS.

The following important articles will appear in to-morrow's *Sunday Pictorial*:—
The Peace Tunnel.—By Horatio Bottomley, M.P.

We Must Have Disarmament.—By William Archer.

Is Germany Doomed to Anarchy?—By Francis Gribble.

Why So Many Marriages Fail. The discovery that is made too late.—By Norman Sylvester.

kinsmen, who crowned our arms with success and so kept our shores inviolate from the ravages of a desperate and brutal war.

Employers and employed throughout the land will serve their country right well by co-operating with local advisory committees which are at work in all areas so as to see that every discharged soldier is back at work as soon as possible.

It is superfluous to say that, notwithstanding the pension paid to a disabled man, no employer will desire to pay less than the full value of his labour, but the Home Office has arranged to relieve employers of any increased liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

TO PROTECT EX-SOLDIERS.

The following order is issued by the Press Bureau:—
Any person proposing to establish or carry on a new retail trade or business or a new branch of any existing business is required by Order to obtain a licence enabling him to do so. The object of the order is to protect the interests of owners of businesses who are serving with the Forces.

As from March 17 the administration of this Order will be transferred from the Ministry of National Service to the Ministry of Labour. Forms of application for licences under the Order will be obtainable at all employment exchanges.

LION'S DAMAGE IN JUTLAND BATTLE.

The damage done to the Lion in the Jutland battle has just been made known: The ship was hit twelve times by heavy shells.

A large number of men were killed and wounded by one shell that exploded on the mess deck in the caisson flat. Another heavy shell burst in the sick bay, killing many men. The ship's galley compartment was also wrecked and "Q" turret disabled.



General Sir Herbert Gray, the shipbuilder, who was appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta.

"HORRIBLE!"

The Queen's Comment on Story of Some Houses at Bethnal Green.

"SHOWN ONLY THE HIGHWAYS."

Queen Mary is taking a very keen interest in housing conditions at Bethnal Green, and yesterday had an interview at Buckingham Palace with the mayor, Councillor Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. Lewis, on the subject.

Her Majesty's attention to the poor housing accommodation of this part of London was attracted by an address given by the mayor recently, and she expressed a wish to see him.

After a long conversation to the mayor yesterday the Queen examined plans and asked many questions about the properties and streets adjacent to them.

On hearing the Mayor's remarks, the Queen said: "It is pretty clear to me that when I visited the poor districts I have been taken mainly to the highways and not the by-ways."

The mayor, describing one of the houses, said two local M.P.s who visited a woman in the Brady-street area, whose soldier husband was reported missing, had to stoop to get inside the room and could not stand upright when inside.

Either of them could have spanned the apartment with outstretched arms and there were a woman and four children living," added the mayor.

Describing another lot of houses, the mayor said they were "back to back," and that as the whole of the sanitary arrangements were located close to the front door, her Majesty could imagine what the conditions of life must be. "Horrible!" was the Queen's reply.

JEWEL THEFT MYSTERY.

Sir John Jackson's Portmanteau Stolen While on Train Journey.

A mysterious train robbery, involving the loss of some valuable jewels, is being closely investigated by Detective-Inspector Savage, of Scotland Yard.

One of the passengers travelling on the express from Exeter to Paddington on Thursday evening was Sir John Jackson, who was carrying with him a portmanteau containing a portfolio of correspondence, a number of important documents, and jewellery.

On arrival at Paddington at 5.30 it was discovered that the portmanteau was missing. The jewel case in the portmanteau contained a gold ring set with emeralds, three rings set with diamonds, and a gold diamond stud.

THE JAZZ GERM.

New Dance Craze a Demoralising Disease, Says a Canon.

"People seem to have lost themselves," said Canon A. N. Drummond yesterday, in a strong condemnation of jazz dancing.

It was low and degrading for any section of society to encourage a dance so demoralising. A nigger dance to music from every conceivable instrument, not to make music, but to make a noise, was a symptom of a very grave disease which was spreading over the country.

The canon, who was speaking at the meeting of the Maidenhead Preventive and Rescue Association, added that it was a disease which had something to do with creating more work for preventive and rescue associations.

KINMEL PARK FRACAS.

A lot of what had been stated about the Kinmel Park fracas was untrue, said Sir Edward Kemp at the National Liberal Club last night at a farewell gathering of Canadian officers. Since the armistice 20,000 Canadians had been demobilised each month, and by the end of March upwards of 100,000 would have gone to Canada. Their discipline had been as good as that of any others.

MORE POSTAL DELIVERIES.

Midday closing in the larger post offices and increased deliveries in the larger towns is the announcement of arrangements now in hand by the Postmaster-General.

PRIVATE SUES MAJOR

Sir J. Maxwell's Evidence—'Letters Never Reached Me.'

ALLEGATIONS OF SLANDER.

The hearing was resumed at York Assizes yesterday of a case in which Christopher H. Heddon, solicitor, Harrogate and Ripon, formerly a private in a motor-transport company, R.A.S.C., sued Major Evans, his commanding officer, for damages for alleged malicious prosecution, false imprisonment and slander.

According to the statement of claim the alleged slander consisted of a remark by defendant relating to plaintiff's profession as a solicitor: "I always knew you were a knave; now I know you are a fool." Defendant denied the words had any relation to plaintiff's profession, and claimed that they were uttered without malice and were privileged.

The first witness yesterday was Lieutenant-General Sir John Maxwell, Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command.

Mr. Watson, for the plaintiff, read a letter from plaintiff to witness complaining that he had been charged with making a frivolous complaint and being guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline. Plaintiff said the complaint was not frivolous.

Sir John Maxwell said he had never received the letter, nor was it brought to his knowledge. It was not an improper letter for a soldier to write.

Another letter from plaintiff to Major Evans charged Lieutenant Haydon with untruthfulness, alleged that he had persecuted plaintiff, who was placed under arrest without being charged with any offence, and that Lieutenant Haydon had used language unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Sir John Maxwell said he had not received the letter, which was a perfectly proper one.

Cross-examined, General Maxwell said the complaint of plaintiff must have reached headquarters and been referred to Major Lupton, commanding the troops at York, for investigation.

He would be in the authority of the officer making the report to give orders for the charge-sheet to be altered so as to make it a court-martial offence. Having before him the fact that plaintiff had been convicted and sentenced to fourteen days' C.B. Major Lupton would have no authority to alter the sheet.

General Maxwell's attention was drawn to a report by Colonel Sayers, who said he concurred in the opinion given by Major Lupton. If the statements in Heddon's letter were untrue in fact, and he knew them to be untrue, they would be prejudicial to good order and discipline.

Plaintiff, in evidence, said he knew nothing about Major Lupton's investigation of the case. He had to make application for leave to go and see his wife, who was very ill and subsequently died. He was refused.

The case was adjourned sine die, Mr. Justice McCardie intimating it would probably be resumed before him in London.

HEALTH AND THE LAW.

Wife Gets Restitution Decree Despite Husband's Illness Plea.

A curious defence was set up when a decree for the restitution of conjugal rights was granted by the Divorce Court yesterday to Mrs. Flarington Chapman, of Kensington, against her husband, Mr. Harry Chapman.

Mr. Bayford, for Mrs. Chapman, said the defence was that her husband suffered from a tubercular disease, and it would be better for her and any future issue that he should not return to her.

Mrs. Chapman stated that she married her husband in January, 1910. She was formerly the wife of Mr. Clifton, and Mr. Chapman was co-defendant to divorce proceedings.

After her marriage to the respondent they lived together at Maida Vale, and there were three children of the union. From 1917 respondent had ceased to live with her.

In April, 1918, he wrote, in reply to her request that he should live with her saying that part of the medical advice given him was that he must not restore her all her rights as a wife, as in his state of health it would be doing her a great wrong.

He did not know whether the law prohibits a man in his state of health from living with his wife, but if it does not then it should do so.

MORE BUSES SOON.

The London General Omnibus Company will restore at soon as possible the routes which they were compelled to withdraw during the war.

On Monday, March 17, Route 73, which formerly worked between Barnes (Red Lion) and King's Cross, but is now to be extended from the latter point to Highbury Station, will be reinstated.

The districts served are Hammersmith, Kensington, Marble Arch, Oxford Circus, King's Cross, Islington and Highbury.

THE BEAUTY COMPETITION.

Beauty is still the universal lodestar. That fact is amply proved by the success of *The Daily Mirror* £1,000 Beauty Competition for Women War Workers. No competition of our day has aroused more interest.

The result will be announced in due course. In the meanwhile, "probable" winners are being interviewed daily at *The Daily Mirror* Offices.

WHY THE SOVEREIGN BUYS MORE NOW.

Housewives' Lighter Task to Make "Ends Meet."

CHEAPER CLOTHES.

In view of the Premier's recent declaration that the weekly budget of a working-class household will be reduced by 4s. a week, the following tables of comparative London prices will interest our readers:—
They show that the purchasing power of the sovereign is already increasing.

	Pre-War.	War.	To-day.
Eggs, each	11d.	8d.	3d.-4d.
Margarine, lb.	11d.	8d.	8d.-10d.
Oranges, each	1d.-1½d.	4d.-6d.	1d.-2d.
Bananas, each	11d.	10d.	9d.
Potatoes, lb.	11d.	10d.	11d.
Beer, glass	2d.	8d.	8½d.-10d.
Cornflour, dried, lb.	8d.	1s. 2d.	
Tinned food, which enters into the house-keeping account to a much greater extent than in pre-war days, show astonishing fall in prices during the past fortnight:—			

	Fortnight Ago.	To-day.
Spaghetti, tin	9s. 10d.	6s. 4½d.
Sardines, tin	1s. 3d.	6s. 6½d.
Peaches, tin	3s. 6d.	2s. 8d.
Apricots, tin	5s. 6d.	2s. 6d.
Herring and tomato	1s. 3d.	6s. 6½d.
Baked beans	2s. 3d.	1s. 1d.

Not only is the situation improving in regard to food, but clothes also show a considerable fall in price:—

	Pre-War.	War.	To-day.
Men's suits	£2 2 0	£5 0 0	£4 4 0
Women's hats	10 0	20 0	10 0
Men's boots	13 6	15 0	12 6
Men's overcoats	10 0	5 0	3 5 0
Woman's coat and skirt	12 0	5 0	2 12 6
Afternoon gown	3 3 0	6 0	5 15 0
Handpocket case	1 1 0	2 0	2 0
Women's boots	12 11	1 5 11	1 5 11

There is every prospect of the meat situation being relieved by the arrival of New Zealand mutton early in May.

Cheaper Woollen Clothes.—The high price of all essential articles of wearing apparel is likely to be reduced in price by the Government de-

UNEMPLOYMENT BAROMETER.

The number of people drawing out-of-work pay last week was nearly a million, composed as follows:—

Civilians	782,363
His Majesty's forces	168,257
The civilians include half a million women, 28,000 boys and 32,000 girls. The numbers illustrate unemployment to the extent of 220 per 10,000.	

dison, and from April 1 the price of wool (tops and noils) shall be reduced on the average by 7½ per cent.

Dear Fish.—The price of fish at Fleetwood rose above the cost of the cargo owing to short supplies at Grimsby and Hull, says our Fleetwood correspondent.

Fish by Aeroplane.—A regular air service to convey fish to London is to be started when the ban on civilian flying is removed, says our Aberdeen correspondent.

More Beer Soon?—The Food Controller, it is understood, has submitted a proposal to the House of Commons for a substantial increase in its quantity and gravity of beer.

Public auctions of 60,000 bales of combing and 20,000 bales of clothing wools will be held on April 2 at the Wool Exchange, Coleman-street, London. Other sales at Liverpool and London will also be held on later dates.

HIS MORPHIA MEDICINE.

Arrested American Turns Out To Have Been a Burglar.

There was a surprising development at Liverpool yesterday when the case of the man named Cecil Lanoir, who had in his possession what was arrested enough morphia to kill seventy-two people.

He was charged with leaving London without notifying the police and with offences under the Aliens Act.

When arrested he said he was on his way to America to cure the drug habit.

The stipendiary said he found a prisoner was an American, and he should convict. Prisoner thereupon admitted having been convicted of burglary and receiving at London in 1911.

In passing sentence of twelve weeks' hard labour the stipendiary mentioned that accused had imposed upon a lady from whom he received £24 to go to America to get cured of the drug habit.

BOON TO 4,000 WORKERS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WEST HARTFPOOL, Friday.—Sir William Cresswell Gray, chairman of Messrs. William Gray and Company, the well-known shipbuilding and marine engineering firm, has initiated a profit-sharing scheme which provides for the allocation of 20 per cent. of the total annual profits. Four thousand workers come within the scope of the scheme.

Seed potatoes not guaranteed free from wart disease are not to be imported from Scotland.

NEW RAILWAY CRISIS, "SERIOUS" SAYS MR. THOMAS

RAILWAYMEN REJECT COMPANIES' OFFER.

Refusal to Compromise on National Programme.

THE CABINET TOLD.

The railway situation has again become very grave.

After an all-day conference at Unity House the delegates of the National Union of Railwaymen rejected—

The proposals of the Railway Executive Committee.

The principle upon which these proposals are based.

They refused to compromise on the national programme, and the Executive Committee of the N.U.R. were instructed to inform the Government of their decision.

This has been done already. The conference stands adjourned till next Thursday.

CABINET INFORMED.

Mr. Thomas Still to Work for a Settlement.

The following official statement was issued last night:

"A special delegate meeting has been held for the purpose of considering the offer of the railway companies to proposals submitted to them as the result of negotiations during the past three weeks.

"The delegate meeting rejected not only the proposals, but the principle on which they were based, and intimated a refusal to compromise on the National programme, and also instructed the Executive Committee to take the necessary steps to inform the Government.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., said: "I am reluctant to express any opinion at this stage, but it would be idle and indeed deceiving the public if I did not say that the decision has created a very serious situation.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE'S PART.

"It will be for the executive to take the necessary steps to deal with it, and whilst, as I have said, it is serious, I shall continue to work with a view to bringing about a settlement.

In reply to a question as to what he thought of the chances of a settlement, Mr. Thomas said: "It is impossible to say, because, not only is it a question of amount and principle, but there are difficulties in consequence of the whole of our membership not being included, and also due to the fact that by a resolution the Triple Alliance are to be called together on Friday of next week to have a final word at ending both miners, transport workers and ourselves.

"I have already conveyed the decision of today's conference to the Government. This conference is adjourned until next Thursday, to give us an opportunity in the interval to see what can be done to give effect to their decision."

Civil Servants at the Central Hall, Westminster, last night, demanded consultation between the Government and Civil Servants on conditions of work, and a revision of salaries to meet the higher cost of living.

The Police Union state that the Parliamentary Committee sitting on the question of pay, etc., was brought about solely by the efforts of the Representative Board, and that evidence from the board on this subject has been asked for by the authorities. It is sincerely hoped that an amicable settlement may be reached.

R34 MAKES FIRST FLIGHT OF 4½ HOURS.

Successful Trial Trip of Britain's Record Airship.

Airship R34 made her first trial trip yesterday and returned safely to Glasgow, after a flight of four and a half hours.

Before she made an ascent she was assisted to the open by 400 men and women.

Colonel Park, Director of the constructors, Messrs. William Beardmore, was on board during the trip, together with a crew of thirty.

Construction of the R34 was commenced a year ago, and would have been completed earlier but for strikes.

The tank capacity is sufficient for eight days' flight—enough for a non-stop journey to America and back. Length, 670ft.; horse-power, 1,250; carrying capacity, thirty tons.

The ship, which is of the rigid type, is sister to the R33, built by Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co.

A case of rabies was discovered at Cardiff yesterday. The dog was destroyed, but it had previously fought with other dogs.

Peace Congress: Mr. Wilson's Parley with Premier, M. Clemenceau and Col. House.

HUN SHIPS—TERMS READY FOR SIGNING.

New Railway Crisis.—The delegate conference of the National Union of Railwaymen rejected last night the new proposals by the railway companies, and refused to compromise on the national programme.

The March of Peace.—President Wilson's return, that British sea supremacy must be maintained at the pre-war strength, and that the Huns must surrender their mercantile fleet and lodge securities in payment for food are the three outstanding points in yesterday's Peace news from Paris.

Huns' Merchant Ships.—Good progress is being made with the negotiations at Brussels with the Germans regarding the surrender of their ships. The new terms are practically ready for signing.

BRITISH NAVY TO BE AT PRE-WAR STRENGTH

"I Am Too Young to Die," Says Tiger to Wilson.

President Wilson arrived in Paris shortly before noon (says Reuter), and immediately after lunch got to work conferring with Mr. Lloyd George, M. Clemenceau, and Colonel House at the latter's office.

Mr. Wilson, on arrival at Brest, was accorded an enthusiastic reception, and on reaching Paris he was greeted at the station by President Poincaré, M. Clemenceau, M. Tardieu (ex-Commissioner of France in America), and M. Pichon (Minister of Foreign Affairs).

He laughingly told the French Premier's shoulder, where Cotin's bullet had struck, whereupon M. Clemenceau replied: "Well, you see, Mr. President, I am too young to die."

The position of the British Navy as affected by the League of Nations has been considered by the British delegation, and a memorandum was submitted by the British Admiralty bearing upon the effects of the covenant on the Navy, and making certain very specific suggestions.

BRITISH NEEDS.

It is understood that, broadly, the delegation agreed that in fixing their naval armaments the defensive needs of the scattered British Empire could be adequately met only on the pre-war proportion of strength of the British Navy to that of other navies.

The first meeting at Brussels of the Allied and German Armistice Commissions on Thursday, says Reuter, lasted till 7.30 p.m.

Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss explained the conditions laid down by the Allies, after which the German delegates asked permission to withdraw for a moment for discussion. They met subsequently in the presence of the Allied delegates and made various demands.

Admiral Wemyss referred to the progress of the negotiations, which, he said, were taking place in satisfactory conditions.

He expressed the desire to conclude the negotiations as soon as possible, and proposed that the commissions should meet yesterday at 4 p.m. to sign the final agreement.

There has been no obstruction on the part of the Blockade Minister to any proposals for the provision of coal, says Reuter.

The main difficulty has been the refusal of Germany to give up her merchant ships, which would be used chiefly for the relief of Germany herself.

Austria the situation is as critical as in Germany itself.

The German attitude in regard to their own tonnage and their policy of indiscriminate piracy are chiefly responsible for the present situation, and therefore much now depends on Germany herself.

It is now believed in American circles that, as a result of yesterday's conference, the Peace treaty may be ready by the end of next week or certainly by March 25.

FRACAS BETWEEN JAPS AND U.S. SOLDIERS.

Story of Struggle at Tientsin—Consulate Violated?

WASHINGTON, Friday. With reference to newspaper reports of disorders at Tientsin, involving American troops, the American Minister at Peking informs the State Department that an encounter occurred between American soldiers and Japanese policemen and civilians.

Officials here refuse to make any comment pending the receipt of further details, but they say privately that if it turns out that the Japanese Consulate has been violated by American marines, as reported, those guilty will be punished in a proper and speedy manner by the Japanese Government.—Reuter.

THE NAVY'S LAURELS.

Decorations won by naval officers and men during the great war are as follows:—

V.C.s	36	M.B.E.	58
O.M.	1	Medal (O.B.E.)	7
G.C.B.	5	D.S.O. and bar	594
K.C.B. (military)	29	D.S.O. and bar	30
K.C.B. (civil)	5	D.S.O. and 2 bars	989
C.B. (military)	136	D.S.O.	43
C.B. (civil)	77	D.S.C. and bar	43
C.M.G.	5	D.S.C. and 2 bars	85
K.C.M.G.	29	C.M.G.	4,647
C.M.G.	143	D.S.M.	57
K.B.E.	6	D.S.M. and bar	93
C.B.E.	26	M.S.M.	37
O.B.E.	246		

The total honours therefore are ... 7,380.

FALL OF BERLIN REBELS' LAST STRONGHOLD.

Capture of Lichtenberg—New Riots Expected in Munich.

"The insurrection is suppressed," declared Herr Noske, the German Minister of Defence, to the Weimar Assembly.

Only one suburb remained to be cleared of the Spartacists. [A later telegram reports that the Government troops have captured the whole of Lichtenberg and are now busy "mopping up."]

"It is especially the fault of certain newspapers," declared Herr Noske (quoted by Reuter), "notably the *Freiheit* and the *Reife Fahne* (Red Flag)," that acts of pillage, brigandage and murder have occurred in Berlin, as these journals have been inciting the people for months past.

Members of the Independent Socialist group did their utmost in support of these disgraceful and shameless actions.

Noske referred also to the hyenas of the revolution.

A search, says the Wireless Press, has resulted in the discovery of vast stores of arms and ammunition.

The final fighting was extremely bitter.

Thirty-four Communists who showed armed resistance were shot. The editor of the Communist periodical, the "Searchlight," Julian Borchardt, has been arrested in Lichtenberg.

In Lichtenberg scores of women and children were killed by the rebels, by shells, hand grenades, etc.

The Berlin *Mittags Zeitung* learns that the number of victims of the disturbances is now so large that the question of finding accommodation for the corpses is meeting with difficulty.

Already 126 bodies are lying in the Hanover Strasse Morgue, forty-two of which have not yet been identified. The morgue's capacity is exhausted.

Almost as many dead are laid out in the two garrison hospitals.

Fresh Riots in Munich are expected every hour, says the Exchange.

OUR BIGGEST AND FASTEST BATTLESHIP.

The Hood 32 ft. Longer Than Aquitania—Speed of 35 Knots.

The Hood will be the largest battleship in the British Navy and also one of the fastest.

Her length, it is understood, is 900ft., and her speed may be anything up to thirty-five knots.

It is to be noted, however, that as a result of experience gained in the world have read the newspapers of his party, and would have tried again, if he had thought fit.

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MEN WHO STARTED THE WAR.

What Will the Fate of the Guilty Be?

"GRAVE VIOLATIONS."

An official communiqué from Paris says that—

The Commission on the Responsibility for the War met for the purpose of considering the reports of three Sub-Commissions.

One sub-commission had laid before it the clearest possible analysis of the facts relating to the origin of the war, and a considerable number of definite and striking acts which constitute grave violations of the laws and customs of war or of the principles of humanity.

The second sub-commission was asked to consider the propriety of instituting prosecutions founded on the beginning of the war and the violations of neutral States.

It decided, that, strictly and technically, criminal prosecutions would be both anomalous and unnecessary, but that the whole conduct of those who planned the war was so outrageous that the Peace Conference might decide to adopt special measures, and even to create special machinery in order to deal with them.

These two reports, says the communiqué, were approved.

The third sub-commission dealt with the breaches of the laws and customs of war, and proposed in addition to the jurisdiction of national courts the constitution by the different Powers of a high tribunal which should not in the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction be blocked by any consideration of rank.

The commission is still considering this report.

The Reparation Commission has not yet decided by what tribunal the ex-Kaiser should be tried, says the Exchange. The American delegates are opposed to an international tribunal.

Perhaps a court-martial may be set up, comprising officers of all the Allied Armies. France, states a Central News Paris message, says the Kaiser must stand his trial, as there is not a single French family which does not mourn the loss of kin. Over 1,400,000 poilus must be avenged.

The Kaiser must be tried, as his fate would be a deterrent in the future.

DEATH FOR ASSAILANT OF CLEMENCEAU.

Anarchist's Defiant Attitude Before Court-Martial.

The death sentence has been passed by court-martial on Cotin, the man who attempted to assassinate M. Clemenceau.

He was imbued, said Captain Mornet for the prosecution, with anarchist ideas, the act was premeditated, he was proud of his act, and showed no regret.

"It is not," he declared, on the morrow of great crises such as that through which we have come victorious that there can be any indulgence for those who place themselves outside the pale of society."

Cotin (says Reuter's Paris correspondent) angrily protested against the passage in the indictment describing him as "a poisoner flower which has grown up in the soil of anarchy."

Those who described him thus, he said, were poisonous flowers themselves.

Cotin declared that he was not proud of his deed; he felt pride, he said, in the conquerors. If he had escaped he would have read the newspapers of his party, and would have tried again, if he had thought fit.

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NEW YORK STRIKE.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Reports of an apparently well-authenticated character state that the Government is about to requisition a fleet of harbour craft sufficient to fence the coast of New York Harbour.

If the boats are taken over they will be manned by union crews working on a basis of an eight-hour day on the wage scale recently agreed upon with the railroad administration.

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VISITING BOLSHIEVIA.

A Socialist delegation, appointed by the Berne Conference, is about to visit Bolshievia, as we will call the stricken land that was Russia—until the Bolshevists (following the Tsardom and our blockade) turned it into the Starving State.

Certain isolated Socialists have already borne testimony, as a matter of fact, to the misery of Bolshievia.

But this is not enough.

Nowadays Bodies, Delegations and Commissions have to investigate everything, to see that there's "no deception." Will the international Socialists be deceived by what they will see in Bolshievia?

Will they see it all? Or will the essential horror be veiled from them? Or, seeing it, will they simply deny that it exists, as Bernard Shaw, in his latest Jazz pamphlet, denies that Germany ever did anything worse than all the other belligerents in the war, or began the war, or did anything she did do, from start to finish?

All depends—life itself depends—on opinion, on the point of view, on preconception, on prepossession. If you go determining to find Bolshievia a Paradise you may find what you seek. And so may the Berne delegation.

But, on the other hand, they may find it—hell.

For already (it is said) the Soviets are threatening and being sarcastic at the expense of the delegation. That is ominous. And it may mean quite simply that the Bolshevists, having murdered everybody else, may attempt to murder their visitors.

In that case we shall get, from those delegates who escape—and we hope all of them will escape!—a pretty severe account of Bolshevism in Bolshievia.

MARRIAGE MUDDLES.

IT looks as though marriage would be one of the most difficult matters to "reconstruct" in coming days. Matrimonially, the nation seems to be in a muddle.

We are not for the moment thinking of the heavy list of undefended suits before the Divorce Court. We are thinking of the muddles directly attributable to the war.

There is the at present advertised case of the British woman married to a German, or the woman who intends—even now!—to be married to one.

There is the woman who doesn't know whether she is married or not, since her husband has disappeared in the war. She wants the right to marry again, after a decent interval of search for the lost man.

There is also the woman who married a man already married and the man who married here and then again in France.

There are dozens of others.

It sounds comic. It is really a tragic business. And the only clue to an explanation of it, if not a remedy for it, is the amazing lightheadedness with which the war has prompted people to get married without the faintest preliminary taking of thought. Like children, like babies, they go, two and two, to the nearest parson and want to be "tied up," as though marriage were no great adventure, but simply an experiment easily annulled if not liked. And plenty of people say: "So it ought to be! Annul it. Let them all get divorced."

Will that make them think any harder before marrying? Scarcely. And the matrimonial muddle can only be set right by trying to get people to look before they leap. It may be believed that they will be more likely to do this if they know that the contract is for life, and not for a few months.

W. M.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

No amount of pay . . . ever made a good soldier, a good teacher, a good artist, or a good workman. . . . Pay as you will, the entire goodness of the fighting depends, always, on its being done for nothing.—Ruskin.

A SPIRITUALIST COMMISSION TO DECIDE!

CAN THE QUESTION OF FUTURE LIFE BE SETTLED?

By CONSTANCE INGRAM.

IT appears that we are at last to have a decision in the matter of spiritualism. As with other things, so in this—a sort of Commission! Scopes on one side, convinced on the other. And a body of London intellectuals as judges!

I am afraid the result of the Commission will be that everybody will be left "of the same opinion still." Particularly, the believers will go on believing—because they want to.

The fact of the matter is, human nature breaks down under such a strain as that of the last four years, and the mind, scarcely capable of weighing evidence, is deceived by false appearances.

Ideas which would have revolted men and

think that there "one is always twenty." Mr. Leather had nothing whatever enlightening to say, but let himself go in platitudes. After a good deal of prosing it was discovered that he had been a neighbour of the visitor's grandfather and had lived in that ancestor's native town so many years ago that no one present could be expected to know him, even by reputation.

This experience was looked upon as a very remarkable one, but to my mind it rests upon a fundamental error—the conception of eternal old age.

NEED THEY BE SO SILLY?

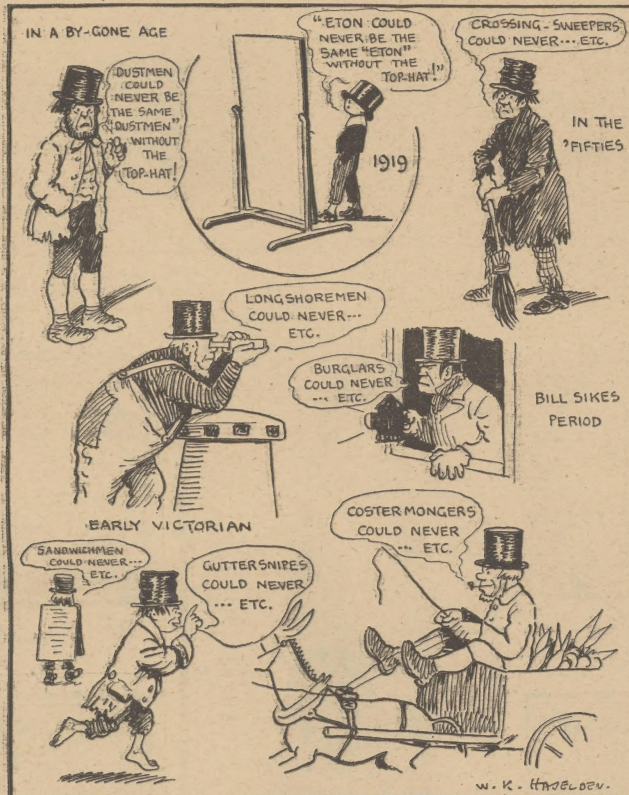
With all due respect for other people's convictions we may ask why most of these alleged spirits should be complete imbeciles?

Given to quips and cranks and ill-timed jollity, uncouth in their fun, infantile in their remarks?

Why, having been intelligent on earth, do they become idiots in the other world?

The question has been often put, but I do

"NEVER THE SAME!"—THE TOP HAT CULT.



An Etonian has told us that the great school could never be itself without topers—though it existed centuries before they came in. This superstition about the need for topers has existed in every known trade or profession or place for about a hundred years.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

women of refinement a few years ago were now accepted by them with cordial approbation. A grand piano dancing about the room, and betraying an inclination to sit on one's lap, is hailed as a manifestation from the noble dead who gave up their lives on Flanders fields.

To me it does not seem possible that they would so express themselves.

In one of the many writings on this subject I came across an episode of a visitor who, at a séance, was informed that a Mr. Leather, in the other world, desired to speak with him.

His purpose in coming to the séance had been quite other, and having never heard of any such individual, the name of Leather being, moreover, of no particular attraction, he declined the acquaintance.

But Mr. Leather was not to be put off. A full description of him was given.

He was a very old man with a long white beard. Evidently a dull old man, persistent, garrulous—in short, a bore.

Can it be that we still remain all these things beyond the grave?

Surely if immortality is to be of any worth it must be an immortality of youth. I like to

not know of any satisfactory answer. Few spirits seem to have a sense of humour. Now a sense of humour preserves one from most mistakes.

Once, at a séance, a small, mild woman, of French ancestry, product of this late civilisation, was told that the guardian spirit in constant attendance on her was a Red Indian. He proceeded to prove his worth by smashing a table. She would have none of him. Indeed, she remarked that there had been no sense in anything that she had heard, and that the Red Indian was the crowning folly. Had the medium possessed the slightest idea of humour she would not have presented this individual to her client.

The dead do not visit us in such a manner. If we tranquillise our minds and go quietly, and cease from petty spite, we may receive their consolation.

They will convey it to us, not in a vulgar manner, but effectively. They will lead us where the early snowdrop peers between dead leaves and we shall remember that everywhere life springs out of death.

It is at such times that the beloved dead are with us.

"THE AERIAL AGE."

OUR READERS SPECULATE AS TO THE COMING DAYS.

WILL THEY DROP THINGS?

"W. M." is perhaps unaccountably pessimistic about the future in the air.

We shall have fixed routes surely and an air police.

As to dropping heavy objects from above, that will simply be made a criminal offence.

Hammersmith. NOT AFRAID.

MORE PESSIMISM!

I DEEPLY regret that the invention of flying ever came about.

It will bring woes innumerable on mankind—as indeed it already has done.

Strand, W.C. ONE WHO HAS FLOWN.

ETON LIKES "TOPPERS"!

I HAVE seldom seen a paragraph more entirely unfounded and fallacious than the one in Mr. Willis' article about top hats at Eton.

With how many Eton boys is Mr. Willis acquainted? I have been at Eton nearly six years and have never heard an Etonian complain of his headgear.

Your contributor has queer notions of how a Soho waiter dresses. I doubt very much that he wears a "topper."

Does he suggest that we wear a "Billy-cock" or the more comfortable cap?

In the last paragraph he excels himself. Seldom have I seen so many untrue statements in such a short space.

I can only suggest that he is the victim of some over-humorous Eton hater, or that his imagination ran away with him.

ANOTHER ETONIAN.

The Eton Society, Eton, Windsor.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY WALLS.

I QUITE agree about the really appalling colours chosen for backgrounds to pictures at the National Gallery.

The white in the first big room, absolutely annihilates all the colour in the pictures themselves.

Such a white is impossible with so strong a light. I know that pictures on old white panels look well, but they are usually found only in private houses, where there is not overhead light, and they are mainly seen by carefully-shaded electricity.

As to the mauve, mentioned in your article, it is an insult to the public that frequents our galleries.

Alleyen Park, Dulwich.

THE National Gallery has certainly got into a strange jumble.

But I gather the Tate Gallery is filling up much of its space at present.

Cannot this gallery be opened again and such rubbish as the Disrobing Lady removed to it?

MRS. SPECTATOR.

Hallam-street, Portland-place, W.

FAMOUS PLAYS AND THE FILM.

"ENID" should be warmly thanked for her article in defence of art as well as of common decency on the film. I, too, saw the way that great play of the dead Stanley Houghton has been turned into a piece of buffoonery.

There are many other good plays and good stories that are likewise ruined when put on the film, and surely it is about time the Play Censor got his eye open to what is being done in this respect.

Houghton's play was one of the finest things I ever saw on the stage, and was calculated to have a great effect upon the moral view of men.

C. L. TOMPKINS.

THE MAN WITH A GRIEVANCE.

"T. B. M.'s" style is a typical example of the "blatancy" of the dissatisfied workman (often with no heart in his work) who is continually grumbling.

Obviously, he dislikes every class but his own. That is no true socialism which does not consider and include every class and every grade of intelligence, knowledge and cultivation for the general good.

If it does not do this, it is surely narrow and selfish syndicalism.

C. T. T.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 14.—Rhubarb may now be planted. This useful vegetable is easily grown, and should be cultivated in all gardens. It needs good, deep-dug soil, and plenty of manure should be added if the ground is poor. The roots must be dug up and divided about every four years. It is wise not to pull any sticks the first season.

A few established roots may now be covered with boxes or tubs. If straw material is heaped around, growth will be hastened and some nice early sticks made available for use.

E. F. T.

THE DYING DAY.

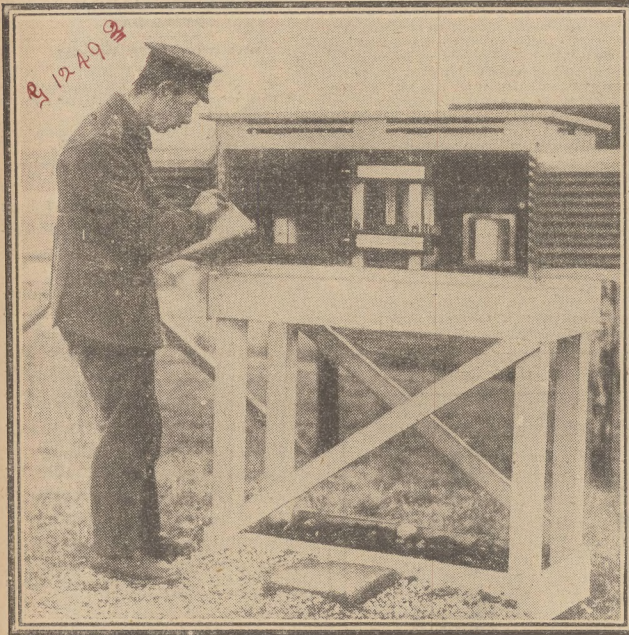
Utter no wrong, nor break the holy spell, A soul is passing to another sphere; Does not the day lie prostrate on the bier, Guarded by angels imperceptible? Is now a curse so wan that none could tell The recent empery of her career, Triumph and pomp of sun, the slowly cheer Of bird and bee and flow'r processional.

And as we feel when some dear friend is gone What hunger we have caused or bitterness In the dead heart—and where our hearts'—

Broken resolve, still-born intention, So am I conscious now of the unsuccess Of those high tasks that I have left undone.

—A. B.

AIRSHIP LAUNCHED AFTER DELAY.

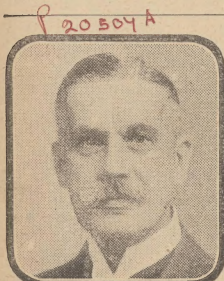


The launch of airship R.34 at Inchinnan, on the Clyde, which was delayed by heavy winds, took place yesterday. Reading the temperature and humidity instruments at the aerodrome to see if the conditions were all right.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

DCG'S LONG V GIL BY DEAD MASTER.



Gyp, a small black and tan dog, which the police found guarding its dead master, an aged Russian, when they had to enter a house in Walworth last night. The animal was half starved, though there was food, and it had evidently not deserted its post for three days.



THE SHERIFF VALTY.—Mr. Frederick George Day, a candidate for election as Sheriff, City of London.



AT INVESTITURE.—Mr. Hartley Aspin, J.P., who has been invested by the King with the C.B.E.



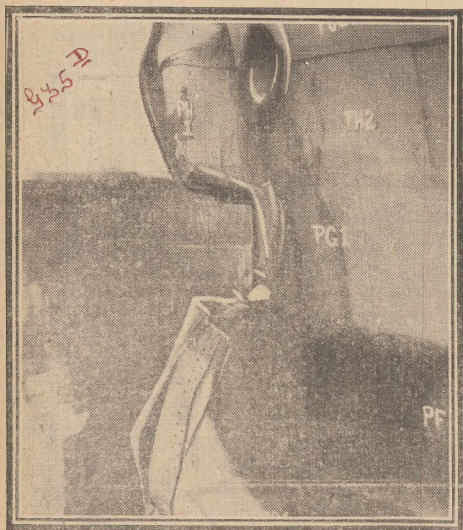
EVENING GOWN.—Of black chiffon velvet, it is faced with brilliant blue satin and sequins of the same shade.



530 CONCERTS.—Mr. Harry Hutchins, of Cardif, who has appeared at 530 concerts for the wounded.



A CENTENARIAN.—Mr. Thomas Perrin, a retired watchmaker and silversmith, who is 103 years old.



SHIP'S LUCK OUT.—The Carnation, the minesweeper, which fouled an "egg," has again been damaged, this time as the result of a collision.



BIG GLASGOW FIRE. The damage done to an engineering works in Springfield-road. The building, which was of one story, was completely destroyed.

BUS CONDUCTRESSES FOR THE LAND.

FARM WORK FOR GIRLS WHO DREAD AN INDOOR LIFE.

By S. L. BENSUSAN.

Our author discusses a plan that will assist women to remain out of doors.

IT was in the quiet hour of the afternoon when bus traffic is at its lightest and the sturdy conductress seemed to me to be facing more of the March shower than was necessary. I suggested as much.

"I don't mind the rain," she replied. "I get the fresh air with it. I want to enjoy the open while I can."

"Marching orders?" I queried.

"Any day now," she replied. "What I'm going to do I don't know. I couldn't stand housework or shop work after this. I'd rather take a broom and sweep a crossing."

"There's a better plan," I suggested. "Go on the land. The land army is dwindling; there were thousands who joined for the sake of war work, and they are giving up."

There was no mistaking the pleasure the suggestion gave her, and it was possible to add a direction or two before three elderly ladies, severe and grim, entered the omnibus and froze the conversation to death.

So I am writing to make my idea known to a wider circle. When I have come to London in the past year or two, gratefully I remember that the visits are far between, I have seen the conductress exhibiting all the qualities that will stand her in good stead on the land.

EMPLOYMENT IS WAITING.

Endurance in plenty. How many times does she mount and descend, for how many hours is she on her feet? Patience, she has been patient with the noisy, the querulous, the uncivil, the rude and the helpless or infirm. Cheerful, she has always been ready to look on the best side of things in conditions that would have moved Job to a blasphemy, that the recording angel must in common fairness have overlooked.

To all of her company who feel that, when they make way for the returned soldiers, there must yet be an open-air life, because no other has the shadow of an interest, the farm and the garden should appeal.

It has long been my custom to employ women for both when possible; that is to say, for the work that is within their capacity, in either sphere, and I am convinced that the great majority not only enjoy it, but find improved health in its pursuit.

There is employment waiting for them to-day in all directions, in the dairy, in the market garden and orchard, on the farm. If they will inquire at the Labour Bureau or write to their county council or apply to the Food Production Department of the Board of Agriculture there should be no lack of guidance to employment.

The boys who are returning from the Army to the villages do not appear to be intent upon resuming land work. The most of them want the town, with its factories and its life.

WOMEN'S WORTH RECOGNISED.

Farmers are short-handed and are likely to be deprived in the near future of the help of the German prisoners who from agricultural camps all over the country have been drafted to the farms and have helped to tide over a crisis.

There is another point worth considering. The spring is upon us, the worst of the weather is over. Farm labour is ceasing to be hard labour in the worst sense of the term. It will alter this month be strenuous and sustained rather than difficult, and the young land worker will have a full half-year in which to get acclimatised.

Again, some up-to-date counties, Hertfordshire is one of these, are going to provide their women workers with a task under cover when weather conditions grow quite unpleasant.

This device, product of a little forethought, has been most successful in providing the county with a permanent staff of women workers and doubtless the backward counties will follow suit in a very near future.

Writing as one who has seen a little of the work of the conductress and a great deal of the work of the land girl, I am compelled to say that the latter has the easier time. The pay is probably less, and in a marked degree, but so, too, are the expenses.

Finally, the farmers who for a long time regarded women workers as a class that could not be any good because he had never heard of them before, have learned their worth. Not only does he welcome them, but he has come to realise that their comfort and his prosperity are closely allied.

S. L. B.

FORTIFICATIONS OF PARIS TO DISAPPEAR.

NEW SPORTS GROUNDS TO TAKE THEIR PLACE.

By W. J. COOPER.

PARIS, already one of the most beautiful cities in the world, is embarking on a scheme which will enhance its attractions a thousandfold.

The fortifications which surround the city are to be swept away, and the greater part of the space thus liberated turned into spacious parks and playing grounds. The ugly, snake-like mound of earth and concrete, with its unhealthy fosse, which now surrounds the city will be superseded by a great belt of green-sward.

The French Government and the city authorities have already come to an agreement on the scheme, and the question is now before the Chamber for final ratification.

The new area which will thus be placed at the disposal of the city will cover about five miles square. It comprises not only the fortifications, but also the military zone 250 yards wide which runs alongside them.

The Government price for the ground is £4,000,000, but it is only sold on the condition that the former military zone is reserved as an open space and laid out as gardens and playing grounds.

Other portions of the ground are to be used for building purposes, including the provision of a permanent home for the agricultural exhibition.

The city of Paris has already apportioned a sum of £400,000 for the work of demolition, which, it is expected, will be started at once. The disappearance of the fortifications

will cause little heartburning in the city. From the military point of view they have long been useless. Paris opinion is well expressed in the phrase: "The city suffocates in its stone corset."

The demolition of this "stone corset" will facilitate the extension of the metropolitan railway to the suburbs—a tremendous advantage to the overcrowded city. It will also, the traders hope, do away with the "cetrois," which levy a toll on produce coming into Paris.

But, apart from all these, the demolition of the fortifications will probably produce the greatest boom in sport that any country has ever known.

It is true that for several years sport has made great advances in France, but it is more or less still confined to the leisured classes, and there is no national appreciation of sport as in Britain or America.

The great drawback has been the absence of playing facilities in the way of suitable grounds.

By this great demolition scheme this drawback will be swept away, for sport has now such a powerful and influential support that it is beyond a doubt that a considerable amount of the five square miles to be acquired by the city will be laid out for football, lawn tennis, cricket and other popular pastimes.

Given these splendid opportunities, the youth of France, imbued as never before with the sporting spirit, which has been fostered by the long residence in the city of British and American soldiers, will soon become formidable competitors of the elder sporting nations, and will prove as worthy of them on the playing fields of the future as it did on the battlefields of the past.

W. J. C.



POLICE ROLL OF HONOUR.—A memorial service for the Roman Catholic members of the police force who fell in the war was held at Westminster Cathedral yesterday. The congregation entering.

TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR HOUSEWIVES.

AN EXAMINATION FOR THOSE WHO CONTROL SERVANTS.

By ROSALIE NEISH.

ON every side we are hearing of possible schools being opened for the training of domestic servants. I say "possible" because before you cook your hare—or, rather, before you train your servants—you will have to catch them, and this seems about the hardest thing we have to do. While we are busy looking for servants to train, why does not someone open a training school for mistresses. Some women are exceedingly nice and kind to their maids; but there are mistresses who still have many things to learn. There might be prizes offered, say, "One good housemaid for anyone who knows how to treat her maids," or "An excellent parlourmaid for the mistress who has learnt to govern well and wisely."

Then, what about examination papers? Let us draw one up for this "fancy" school, for I am sadly afraid my school will merely exist in my imagination. Let us formulate a list of questions, not only for other mistresses, but for ourselves.

1. What sort of bedrooms do you put your maids in?
2. What are their amusements?
3. How often do you arrange any little special pleasure for them?
4. What visitors are they allowed?
5. How often are they sent out for a run in

the fresh air, quite apart from legitimate outings?

6. How do you feed them and what variety is there about their meals, if any?

7. Do you ever give them a few of the flowers with which you love to fill your own rooms?

8. Do you call them maids, or helpers, or anything except the much-hated "servant"?

9. Do you supply them with a daily paper and sometimes give them your superfluous magazines or fashion papers to read?

10. Do you, in short treat them as human beings, girls with souls to expand, hearts (and heads) that ache, girls who love life and fun and sweets and flowers and all the things that you are so fond of quite as much, if not more than you do?

Why should they have all or any of these merely trivial advantages? you say. Aren't they paid to work?

Quite so, dear lady, but you have not bought them body and soul, and to put it on the lowest ground it will pay you to pass your examination, and if you want a rich reward of love and service, you must not just scramble through the exam., but you must pass it with flying colours.

As we mistresses do not like criticism we might each open our own school at home and be our own teacher, pupil, examiner and judge.

If we "pass" we shall know how to make domestic service attractive, and we shall soon be in a position to choose the good and reject the bad, for young girls will eagerly train for a berth worth training for. R. N.

SIMPLICITY THAT IS NOT SIMPLE.

IS THE MODERN CULT SINCERE OR MERELY A POSE?

By CYNTHIA N. SUNDERLAND.

Simplicity, unlike greatness, can neither be acquired nor thrust on us, says Miss Sunderland.

THE other night I shared my theatre programme with a young girl in a short, loosely-fitting jumper of rather a startling combination of colours. Her hair was "bobbed" and her face of exaggerated pallor, which contrasted sharply with her lips, which artifice had converted from natural rose into unnatural crimson.

This bit of extravagant positivism was counteracted by a negativeness of costume from the knees down. The bare feet were thrust into sandals.

When the lights of the entrance came on I saw that artifice had been busy with the cosmetics, too. They carried out the colour scheme of the lips. This, at least, was harmonious.

The prevailing tendency of the times might easily have made them purple.

The youngster was a disciple of simplicity. Not the simplicity such as you and I understand, which brings a glow of involuntary pleasure when our morning activities are interrupted by the lilt of a barrel-organ outside our window.

This new simplicity is of a distinctly superior variety, which spurns all homely joys and bewails a materialism that turns the mind to a contemplation of food prices and the present proclivity of milk to turn sour.

DIFFIDENCE AND LIERTY.

It has to do with something called asceticism and the natural exclusiveness of its own disciples.

It resembles what one might be inclined to call an exaggerated egotism, with, however, a marked appreciation of the results of the afore-mentioned materialistic ponderings when they evolve palatable delicacies.

It has invaded almost every branch of modern society and set its stamp on language, manners and general demeanour. With language it takes great liberties and contorts what we were taught to regard as the King's English into a most unkingly medley of phrase and exclamation.

It sprawls and does not sit, it strides and does not walk, it shouts and does not talk. Modulation and moderation are unknown to it.

That's the point. It is a cult of extremes. It would scorn mention of a happy medium as belonging to the commonplace. It confuses sincerity with brutal frankness.

Should you inquire into the motive of this liberal outspokenness you would be shown the banner of the cult, on which are emblazoned the words, "Sincerity at all costs."

No doubt your own days are spent in a painstaking search after this very thing, but if you suggest that too much frankness may meet with the same danger as a little knowledge your words will be met with a smile of infinite superiority, and you will be frankly informed that you are an ordinary being, uttering platitudes.

NEW COMPLICATED SIMPLICITY.

Even milady of luxury and languor has heard the whisperings of the cult-sirens.

Sinking into the scented depths of her morning-room cushions, sipping her chocolate, she dreams of a country cottage wreathed with jasmine, with an accommodating lark somewhere near, pouring its liquid melody into her ears.

She has visions of lilac sun bonnets, of grasshoppers making grass and butterflies making butter, and is roused from her benedictine reverie only when the under-parlour-maid brings a message that the car is awaiting her at the front door.

It has wonderful powers, this new complicated Simplicity. It sends men into the streets hatless and paralyses their fingers so that their ties are knotted at a conspicuously irregular angle.

It makes them display unpolished boots and coat sleeves noticeably worn at the wrists and elbows. It even makes of the bath tub a superfluous adjunct of the house and dulls the barber's scissors.

I cannot accept it. It seems to me that simplicity, unlike greatness, can neither be acquired nor thrust on one. The truly simple souls need no Press agent. They do not need to be clothed in exaggerated habiliments or lack of them.

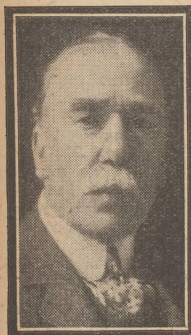
May not all these others be wittingly or unwittingly worshipping at the shrine of Pose?

C. N. S.

EDITOR AND 'CELLIST

A SHORTAGE OF 'CIVVIES.'

AEROBATICS: HOW



Mr. Edward Hudson, chairman of *Country Life* and a director of George Newnes, Ltd., and Mme. Guilhelmina Suggia, the 'cellist, who have become engaged.



V.C. IN A NEW UNIFORM.—Ex-Sergt. Brooks wearing his V.C. and 1914 medal. He is now employed at an hotel in Windsor.—(*Daily Mirror* photograph.)



Owing to the shortage of cloth the Army finds it impossible to supply all the "demobbed" with civilian suits, so many men are obliged to wear their uniforms when at work.



COMPOSER'S DEATH.—Mrs. Amy Woodford-Finden, who has died suddenly. Her most popular works were the "Indian Love Lyrics."



THREE-PIECE COSTUME.—It consists of coat, skirt and bodice. The skirt has sash panels, and is embroidered at one edge in self-tone silk.



Three photographs showing stages in looping the loop. feat, and it is often executed.



Hauling down a tree.



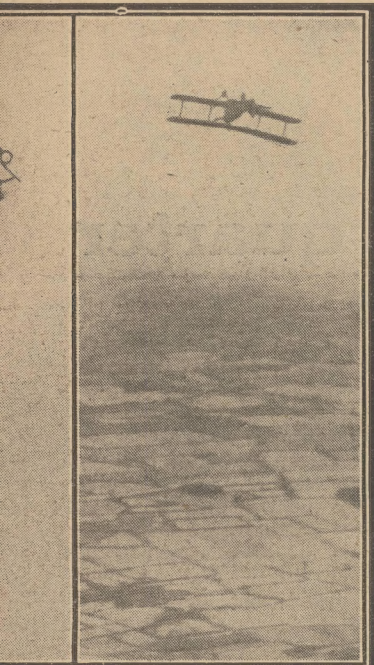
Two of the girls.

LAND-GIRLS TAKE ON A NEW JOB.—A new and able work as foresters, and these photographs show them at work in the Forest of Dean, Park, Ipswich, the estate of the Right Hon.



FROM THE SEA TO THE LAND.—A demobilised bluejacket, who intends to carry on a farm, makes his first purchase at a Devonshire market, where calves have recently been selling at prices ranging from £1 to £5.

LOOP IS LOOPED. WON ON WIFE'S BIRTHDAY SHOT AT DOORWAY.



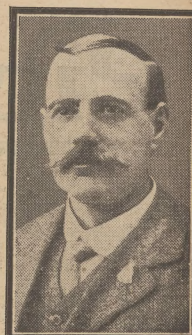
is considered complete unless he can perform this s at the front.—(Exclusive.)



Mr. Newbould (right), West Leyton's new M.P., congratulated yesterday by Mr. Mason, the defeated candidate. It was Mrs. Newbould's birthday, and she is very pleased with the electors' gift.



Alfred George Pearson, the son.



Alfred Pearson, victim of tragedy.



Kate Orr, Kate Doran and the widow (right).

At the inquest on Mr. Pearson, who was shot on his doorstep at Dublin. Kate Orr and Kate Doran were in the house at the time of the tragedy.



strong muscles.



trunk.

of the girls' land army are doing valuable forming feats of strength at Orwell M.P. They are quite independent of



BRITISH ACTRESS FOR PARIS.—Miss Gwendolen Brogden, who is going to appear at Sir Alfred Butt's new Palace Theatre in Paris.



JOCKEY DEAD.—S. Avila, the steeplechase jockey, who has succumbed to influenza. He served in a Yeomanry regiment during the war.



CHEAPER THAN THE PRE-WAR PRICE.—Eggs are being sold at Newton Abbot Market at 1s. a dozen, as against 3d. and 4d. each in London. In the big towns, at any rate, a new-laid egg was 1½d. before the war, and the decline in price is remarkable.

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THE PEACE TUNNEL

By Horatio Bottomley, M.P.

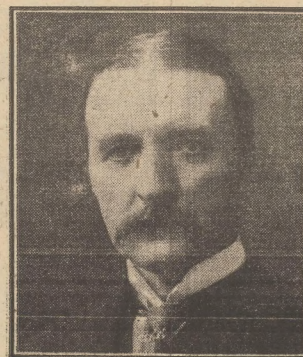
(Editor of "John Bull").

WHO shows how the Channel Tunnel will be in itself one of the most solid of material guarantees for the future peace of Europe.

We Must Have Disarmament

By WILLIAM ARCHER.

THE adoption of Mr. Lloyd George's disarmament proposals by the Peace Conference means for the peoples of the world the promise of release from the most crushing of all their burdens. Mr. William Archer, the famous author and critic, gives an inspiring indication of some of the possibilities of the British Premier's historic achievement.



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TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Modified.

The Government's decision to drop that very contentious clause in the Transport Bill was not dictated by any happenings in the constituencies or by the awful threats of those in Parliament who have the opposition to the Bill in hand. The decision was taken on Thursday night.

An Envied Mess.

One of our best-known decorative artists, Mr. Charles Crombie, has just been set free from service in the Air Force. Lam told that he designed frizes and panelling for the officers' mess of his squadron which made it the envy of the western front.

Auctioneers Abroad.

Auctions by "demolished" officers are now the fashion in France. Revolvers, field-glasses and map-cases are extraordinarily cheap, I hear. An enthusiastic officer even sold his Sam Browne for 5f. recently.

Cinemas and Sodas.

Disbanded units are equally keen to sell their property. Advertisements daily appear in General Routine Orders offering all sorts of things. A complete cinematograph apparatus and a soda-water-making plant are amongst goods sold recently.

A Good Example.

The promised compulsory retirement of Royal Academicians at the age of seventy-five has not yet been enforced, but Sir David Murray, who is still well within the age limit, has set a fine example by sending in his voluntary resignation.

The R.I.

Sir David Murray will now be able to devote his whole energy to the Royal Institute, of which he is president. The exhibition opening to-day at the galleries in Piccadilly is the



Mrs. Belloc-Lowndes, who wrote the novel on which "The House of Pearl" is founded.



Lady Kathleen Curzon, Herrick has gone to the South of France for a holiday.

best that has been held for many years. I was particularly struck with the revival of marine painting; due, no doubt, to the pictorial possibilities of "dazzle" ships. Mr. F. Taylor's pictures alone would repay a visit.

A Nevinsin Dinner.

I see that a farewell dinner is to be given to Mr. Nevinsin before his departure for New York. I wonder whether he is going to be feasted by his erstwhile colleagues of the advance guard in art, or by his future fellow-members of the Royal Academy?

'Cellist's Narrow Escape.

Mme. Guilhermina Suggia, the 'cellist, whose engagement to Mr. Hudson, of Lindisfarne Castle, has been announced, is a keen sailor. While she was boating at Lindisfarne last summer a sudden storm came up. The boat was upset, and the 'cellist was nearly drowned.

Marriage and a Career.

Mme. Suggia tells me that she does not intend to give up her musical career after marriage. She contemplates a tour in South America, where those who know say that a warm welcome awaits her.

A Curiosity.

Rambling in a northern suburb yesterday I noticed several people standing and gazing at something. When I got nearer I found it was a notice board stating that the house it adorned was to let! No one could believe his eyes.

Filming a Race.

The war must be over! On the evening of the Grand National moving pictures of the race, as aforesaid, will be shown at the Empire. It will be a more difficult task than before the war, as transport facilities are not so good, but it will be done.



Miss A. Lubbock has been driving the Royal Air Force for last two years.



Lady Wernher, whose hospital for convalescent officers at Linton Ho has been closed.

BLOCKADE TO LIFT?

The New Members and Their Parties—The Young Girl as a Hostess.

YESTERDAY I HEARD on good authority that the British Government are inclining to the idea of raising the blockade of Germany as soon as possible. In all probability the removal of the stranglehold, which did so much to defeat the Germans, will take place before the Peace Treaty is framed.

In Paris.

There will be a big plenary session of peace delegates in Paris to-day. Mr. Bonar Law has gone over, and all the British delegation will be there. Mr. Bonar Law will be back at the House on Monday.

Conscientious Objects.

There is strenuous opposition to the release of those persons who are popularly known as "conchie." It was at first thought that they would be amnestied at the same time as the Sinn Féiners; but the Army object to any tender treatment of the objectors.

Disagreements.

Behind the scenes there is a silent but determined struggle going on between the Insurance Commissioners and the Local Government Board. Each of these sections thinks it ought to be "top dog" when the Ministry of Health is finally in being. It will be interesting to watch developments.

The State of "Parties."

Quite an amusing situation is presented at the House of Commons now. Many of the members who came in with the Coalition flood-tide last December are giving large dinner parties every night in order to show off the House to their friends and constituents. As a consequence the older member can scarcely find a corner to eat his chop in.

Eating and Drinking.

The conscientious M.P., who dines in the House because he will not leave the post of duty and not because he wants to, is thus at a great disadvantage. And the inroads on the Kitchen Committee's store of champagne have been terrible!

Little Bills.

There is, I hear, a big rush of M.P.s for the private members' ballot on Monday. Members with private Bills in their pockets are anxious for a chance to bring them out.

Well Done, Wingate.

I hear that Sir Reginald Wingate may have a peassage to take back to Egypt. Sir Reginald is a very great linguist, and a master of Arabic, that wonderful language in which there are 500 expressions to define the head of a horse.

A Railway Export.

This is Mr. Charles Aldington, who has just become assistant general manager of the Great Western Railway, a post which usually leads to higher things. Mr. Aldington at one time managed the Central London Tube traffic, and he has studied railways all over America and Europe.

Motors, Too.

I should fancy Sir Erio Geddes will have his eye on Mr. Aldington if the Transport Bill passes, for he is responsible for the great pre-war road motor development in conjunction with the Great Western Railway. He believes, like Sir Erio, that roads and railways should be worked in unison.



Mr. Charles Aldington.

Spare Leaves.

The spare pages of ration books are to be employed for rationing butter and jam, and probably meat. A decision on this last point is now being taken by the Ministry of Food, and probably an announcement will be made in a day or two.

The Patricia Crater.

I wonder whether Lady Patricia Ramsay will ever visit the "Princess Patricia Crater" on Vimy Ridge. Exploded by Canadians in December, 1916, it was named after her, as the monument testifies. You could bury a three-story house in it easily.

Girl Hostesses.

There are a good many girls entertaining just now, and among special favourites are the Ladies Irene and Cynthia Curzon, Earl Curzon's daughters. They have inherited from their late mother that friendly American charm of manner which makes guests at home.

Dearest Raiment.

A leading clothes builder tells me that men's suits may go even higher in price during the year, as the cloth merchants have bought in advance at very high prices. However, it is some comfort to know that if we go on wearing out our old clothes till the spring of 1920 prices will go down by then.

Tectotal Arguments.

Strenuous efforts are to be made for the all-day opening of public-houses during peace week. But the tectotal party are on the alert with two arguments. That there is a shortage of spirits, and that if there is not, then the publicans have stored them up.

Dick Burge.

It is a year ago to-day since Dick Burge died. He was a genius as a boxer and a remarkable judge as a promoter of boxing. The present boom in boxing is entirely due to Dick Burge's enterprise. He always regarded boxing as the national sport, and deemed that it should have national recognition.

An "Erio" Ballet.

After seeing "Thamar" at the Coliseum I came away with a haunting impression of the sinuous, white-faced vampire queen (Mme. Tchernicheva), who beguiles lovers to her castle and then destroys them. It was a wonderful show—a blaze of gorgeous colours, strange Eastern dances and delightful music.

Canadian Boat Song.

Overseas soldiers are glad of the chance of getting a row on the Serpentine before they go home. It is one of the things for Colonials to do in London, it seems. The boats are back now for the season.

A River Carnival.

I have just heard details of a great race to be held on the Seine on Easter Monday. Eight Allied crews have entered, so the Parisians have a treat in store. The "course" is right through the centre of the capital.

A Bona Fide Traveller.

What will happen to Lord Lamington's Bill for better public-houses, now that he has gone to Syria? He is a great traveller, and just before the war was attacked and robbed in Persia.

Pit Restored.

When "Soldier Boy" patrons roll up to the Kingsway on the transference of that bright piece they will be able to take a pit seat if they wish. That popular feature will be restored, after having been taken away a few weeks ago and the space occupied by stalls.



Mr. Will West.

Many Changes.

The record for the number of characters played in an evening must surely be held by Mr. Will West, who changes his clothes fourteen times in "Hullo, America!" Mr. West, whom you see here, is another instance of the English actor who makes his biggest success in the States and returns to England with the prestige thus gained.

THE RAMBLER.



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NOBODY'S LOVER

By RUBY M. AYRES

PEOPLE IN THE STORY.

URSULA LORIMER, a young and pretty girl, who is forced to earn her own living.
JAKE RATTRAY, a man under medical sentence of death.
DORIS ST. LAIRE, formerly engaged to Jake.

"EVERYBODY'S LOVER."

JOHN SPICER put down his newspaper and looked across at his wife.

"Did you say that Jake was coming to tea this afternoon?" he asked.
Elsa looked up from her work smilingly. "I said I had asked him," she answered dryly. "I have also asked Ursula Lorimer, but whether they will come is another thing." She laughed softly. "John, do you suppose Jake really means anything?"

Her husband frowned; his eyes were rather worried.

"My dear, don't ask me what Jake means," he said laconically. "I never could understand him, and don't pretend to now. The night before we were married he . . . well, he said he had done with women for all time. Doris had turned him down, and there's no doubt he was very sore about it. I quite thought he was in earnest, too, but look at him now!"

"But he and Ursula hardly know each other," his wife protested. "I know that until they had dinner here with us that night they had only met once, or it may have been twice." She smiled, meeting his eyes. "Perhaps Jake believes in 'happy wooing' that's not long a-doing—as we did," she added softly.

But Spicer did not smile, and there was a sort of annoyance in his voice as he answered: "It's all nonsense! I shall speak to Jake about it. He can't do it—he—it's impossible."

Elsa looked amazed.
"Impossible! What do you mean? Of course he can marry her if he wants to, and if she likes him," she protested. "I think they are admirably suited."

"And I should be very sorry if I thought there was anything more than a flirtation in it," her husband answered bluntly. "As a matter of fact, I know that he is not a marrying man. He likes women—he's been dangled after some girl or other all his life—but he's not a marrying man."

"His wife looked faintly indignant. "I think it's very unkind of you to say that," she protested. "Why shouldn't he be a marrying man? I am sure he'd make a splendid husband!"

"He's too changeable," he said.
"Oh, what nonsense!" Spicer rose to his feet and wandered round the room.

"My dear," he said, "you don't know Jake as well as I do."

"Perhaps not, in some ways," she agreed. "But I know him better than you do in other ways, and I believe he is in love with Ursula, and means to marry her—if she will have him! Of course, she always says that she won't marry, and that her career means everything to her, but that's only the way she talks. My own opinion is that if Jake asked her she wouldn't give another thought to her voice—or anything!" Spicer looked at her affectionately. "You women see romance in everything," he objected. "And anyway, what's Jake got to marry on?"

"I thought his uncle left him some money," she said.
"Only a legacy, and that's gone already—at least, I believe it is."

"Well, he can work, can't he?" she asked.
"I should say it's highly improbable, he shies . . . He stopped. It was getting increasingly difficult to speak to Elsa of his friend without betraying Jake's confidence.

"Besides what," she demanded.
"Oh, nothing," he shrugged his shoulders.

"I thought Miss Lorimer was going into this college, or whatever it is."

"She is supposed to be going on Wednesday."

"You mean that you think she won't go?" he asked.
"I mean that I hope she won't. Jake wants a wife to look after him. He'd be much happier married, and I consider that that's just the girl for him. They're admirable friends, and that's better than having nothing but sentiment to start with."

"They used to call Jake 'everybody's lover' at one time," Spicer said reminiscently.
Elsa was unimpressed. She was naturally romantic, and she had built a delightful castle in the air about Jake and Ursula.

She knew pretty well that during the last few years they had been a great deal in one another's company. She had heard it spoken about openly amongst her husband's friends who came to the flat, and she was of the kind of woman who believed that a man's attention to any particular girl only meant one thing—she had not adopted the modern idea that a girl can be seen everywhere with one man without significance.

"If he says do come after tea," she said decidedly, "I'm going to speak to Ursula about it."

Spicer turned. "If you do, you'll regret it all your life," he said.
"I don't care," she said. "I'm a business of sorts. Miss Lorimer is quite capable of managing her own affairs, and as for Jake—"

"Jake loves her," said his wife emphatically. "Jake has loved the best of women in his life," was the uncompromising reply.

Spicer was feeling ill at ease about his friend. He knew better than Elsa did how much he had been in Ursula's company lately, and he had already made up his mind to renege with him.

It was true what Jake had told him of the doctor's verdict, it was unfair to Ursula, and surely making it worse for him to think so.

"Hanged if I can understand the chap!" he broke out with a sort of irritation. "When I saw him after we came back to town he said he hadn't been anywhere or seen anyone; and now, . . ."

(Translation, dramatic and all other rights secured.)

from all accounts, he's out and about all over the place—always with Miss Lorimer. What's her uncle thinking about, I should like to know, to allow it."

"Dear boy!" She was so frankly amazed at her husband's irritation that Spicer felt a trifle ashamed of himself.

He came over to where she sat and, bending, kissed her remorsefully.

"Oh, well, it will all be the same in a hundred years time," he said lightly. "That's Jake's favourite maxim, and I'm not so sure that it isn't a good one. Hullo—there's someone!"

"Goodness! And I haven't changed my frock," Elsa gathered up her work and fled from the room. "If it's Ursula tell her I won't be a minute."

TEA AND TRAGEDY.

BUT it was Jake—Jake whose eyes wandered eagerly round the room as he entered, before they came back to his friend's face.

"Miss Lorimer not here?" he asked as they shook hands.

"No—I thought you might have come to get her," Spicer answered dryly.

"I thought the sacredness of an arranged meeting," he answered. "And I waited half an hour, but she didn't come, so I thought I must have missed her. She's generally very punctual," he added.

He went over to the fire with a little shiver. "Cold wind to-day," he said.

Spicer did not answer. He was looking at his friend uneasily, and after a moment, feeling his gaze, Jake turned.

"What's up?" he asked blankly.
"That's what I want to know," Spicer answered.

"You've shrugged his shoulders. 'You're talking through your hat, my son,' he said calmly. 'If you've got anything to say, let's have it in plain language; if not—'"

Spicer cut in abruptly: "Jake, what's all this about?"

Jake flushed. "What do you mean—all this?"

"You know what I mean quite well. You know that everyone is talking about your attention to her."

"Who do you mean by 'everyone'?" Jake demanded irritably.

Spicer made an impatient gesture. "Bailly—Anderson—all the chaps you know. They've seen you about together."

"Pooh! It's only been during the last week."

"Elsa has noticed it. She thinks you mean to marry her."

"She was a little silence. 'Well, what about it?' Jake asked in a hard voice.

"Nothing—if you think you are doing the right thing."

Jake smiled, so that his face was hidden, and stared down into the fire.

At last, "We're only friends," he said, in a strained voice. "She's going into this college next week, and . . ."

"And you," Spicer asked as he stopped.
"Jake laughed mirthlessly.

"You know where I'm going," he said roughly. He swung round and looked at his friend with defiant eyes. "If you must know, Oh, Father Confessor!" he said with mock tragedy, "everything is quite all right. Miss Lorimer and I are friends—nothing more, and never shall be. You don't think it's possible, I suppose—well, I assure you it is! She looks upon me as a sort of brother or favourite cousin."

He flushed as Spicer laughed. "Make a joke of it if you like," he said. "It's the truth."

"And do you look upon her as a sister?" Spicer asked ironically. There was a little silence, and a line of pain deepened round Jake's mouth, as he said with an effort:—

"It doesn't matter how I look upon her—or, at least, it won't matter—soon."

"My dear chap," Spicer began in distress, but Jake cut him short.

"Look here! I was asked to tea, not to confession," he said flippantly. "There's no need for you to worry, my son! Miss Lorimer's all right—and so am I. We understand one another perfectly—"

He broke off. "Here she is," he added.

He went over to the mirror in the sideboard, and looked at himself critically; then he passed a hand over his hair, straightened his tie, and took up a newspaper.

He was deeply engrossed in it when Ursula came into the room, and he did not even look up as she addressed him pointedly.

"Did you wait for me Mr. Rattray? I'm so sorry! I came as soon as I could, but Auntie isn't very well, and at first I didn't think I ought to leave her, but she made me, and so—"

"Where is Elsa?" she asked.

"Putting on her best frock," Spicer answered dryly. "If you like to go to her room, I dare say she'll be pleased to see you."

"Of course I will," Ursula went across the little hall and knocked at Elsa's door.

"Here I am! Did you think I was never coming?" She looked her friend up and down admiringly. "Elsa, what a sweet frock!"

"Do you like it? I put it on for your special benefit. Is Jake there?"

"Yes—we were coming together, but I missed him. I was late."

"I hope you're not having a gay and giddy time lately," Elsa said.

"Yes, rather dreadful, isn't it?" Ursula laughed without the slightest self-consciousness.

"Mr. Rattray has been awfully good to me lately," she said warmly. "You know how I like him at all when we first met, but I think he's ever so nice now. I'm quite fond of him."

Elsa was conscious of a little thrill of disappointment. There could be nothing serious between them, she knew, if Ursula could speak of Jake in such a way.

"Everybody likes Jake," she said. Ursula agreed.

"But I didn't at first—I don't know why. We're ever such friends now. I shall miss him dreadfully when he goes away."

"Goes away! Why, where is he going?"

"Abroad," he said, Australia, quite soon, too." She paused. "I wonder why men have such a passion for going abroad," she added, rather sadly.

"Jake has always been a wanderer," Elsa said. "Take off your hat and come and have tea. Are you going out to-night, or will you stay to dinner?"

Ursula flushed a little. "Mr. Rattray did ask me to have dinner with him somewhere," she admitted. "But I am sure he will be just as pleased to stay here, if you ask him."

"I'll ask him and see," Elsa said rather dryly. They went back to the drawing-room. Jake was sitting on the piano stool laboriously picking out a tune with one finger. Elsa noticed the way Ursula looked across at him and the little smile that crept into her dark eyes.

"Ursula tells me that you're going abroad, Jake," Mrs. Spicer said.

Jake stopped in his musical efforts and swung round on the stool.

"I am—during the next week or two," he answered calmly. He avoided looking at Spicer.

"But whatever for?" Elsa demanded. "Isn't England good enough for you?"

"Quite. My only fear is that I'm not good enough for England."

Jake laughed, and went back to his task of picking out "The Bluebells of Scotland."

"Oh, where, and oh, where, has my Highland laddie gone?"

He sang the first line in a mock tragic voice. "That's what you'll all be asking about me soon," he declared jokingly. He looked at Ursula; Miss Lorimer, do you ever sing that song?" She laughed and shook her head.

"No, but I love Scotch songs. 'Loch Lomond' is a great favourite of mine."

"Oh, said Jake facetiously. "I know that one well! Doesn't it, no like this?" And he began to pick out the air on the piano.

"Oh, ye'll tak the high road, and I'll tak the low road!"

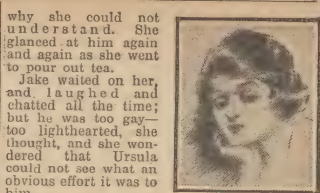
"And I'll be in Scotland afore ye!"

"But no one's true love will never meet again."

He broke off abruptly with a discordant note, and stood up.

"I think I've entertained you all long enough," he said with an effort. "Tea! Welcome!" he added as the maid came in with the tray.

Elsa looked at him with distress in her eyes. As a rule, she could laugh at Jake's nonsense, but for some reason she felt that there was something vaguely tragic about it all, though



Ursula Lorimer

why she could not understand. She glanced at him again and again as she went to pour out tea.

Jake waited on her, and laughed and chatted all the time; but he was too gay, too lighthearted, she thought, and she wondered that Ursula could not see what an obvious effort it was to him.

But Ursula was apparently quite unconscious of anything unusual. She seemed very happy and contented, and when Spicer spoke of her future she was all animation at once.

"Next Wednesday I am going! Isn't it exciting? I'm going to be trained by Punelli. Haven't you heard of him? Oh, he's a wonderful man, an Italian."

"I thought he was such a frightfully expensive person that nobody but millionaires could afford his fees," Elsa said in surprise.

Ursula laughed. "Not quite so bad as that," she said. She looked at Mrs. Spicer for a moment with shining eyes, then she said impulsively: "I'm going to tell you all something now. I've nearly told you before, ever so many times, but somehow I didn't like to! I daresay you'll think it sounds like a fairy tale, but it's the truth—really the truth."

"I hadn't any money, you know, to have my voice trained, and my uncle would not help me. He doesn't like music, and he said there was no future for me. So what do you think I did?"

She paused impressively. "Well, I advertised for someone to give me £1000—"

Ursula laughed with excitement. She was too intent on her own subject to notice the sudden start which Spicer gave, or the abrupt way in which Jake got up and walked over to the window.

"I never really thought I should get it!" she went on. "It seemed such a forlorn hope."

"But you did!" Elsa asked breathlessly.

Ursula nodded. "I did. Some wonderful man wrote—at least, he sent his solicitors to see me, and when they were quite sure that I wasn't a swindle and that I really had got a voice—it was all settled. Isn't it wonderful?"

All at once she seemed to become aware of Spicer's strained attention and Jake's silence.

"Oh, are you all very shocked?" she asked in dismay. "I thought you would think it so very wonderful." Jake came back from the window.

Across Ursula's head he shot a defiant look at his friend.

"I was just wishing that I had been the lucky philanthropist," he said. "I wonder if anyone would adopt me, if I advertised. Do you think they would, Miss Lorimer?"

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TAUGHT ENGLISH IN HUN PRISON CAMP.

Revue Star "Anglicised" by British Captive.

"TO VARY MONOTONY"

If M. Maurice Chevalier, who now plays the male lead in the Palace revue instead of Mr. Owen Nares, had not been taken prisoner by the Germans in August, 1914, we should never have seen him in London at all.

This was explained to *The Daily Mirror* last night in M. Chevalier's dressing-room at the Palace.

This Parisian star now speaks English fluently and plays in the tongue of Shakespeare and Hastings Turner. But before he went to the prison camp near Magdeburg and made the acquaintance of a British captive he did not know a word of English.

"I was hit by shrapnel," explained M. Chevalier, "in the battle of Cury, near Longwy. Even now I have a bit of the shell in my lung, which the doctors will not remove. In the prison camp near Magdeburg, to which I was taken, there were many prisoners of British nationality."

"One of them became a friend, and to vary the monotony of the terrible captivity he taught me English. He was by profession a teacher, and his rank in the British Army was sergeant. I wish particularly that you would mention his name—Ronald Kennedy, of Durham."

"Three or four hours a day I spent in acquiring English with my kind and patient teacher. The Germans did not interfere; they were decent to us on the whole."

"DECEIVED THE DOCTORS."

Resource of Born-and-Bred Parisian with English Name.

Twenty-six months were spent in the uncheerful surrounding of the prison camp. Escape was continually in the mind of the captives, and a daring and ingenious plan was decided on (the chief credit of it belongs to M. Joe Bridges, who, in spite of his very English name, is a born-and-bred Parisian).

At intervals a batch of Red Cross men were exchanged, and M. Bridges and Chevalier, with others, decided to pass themselves off as non-combatants.

The Germans, fortunately, did not know that M. Chevalier was so much of a combatant that he had gained the Croix de Guerre!

One of the prisoners lent a manual on Red Cross work, and the actor and his friends feverishly "swotted up" replies to the questions they might be asked by the German doctor who would test their bona-fides.

Such a "quick study" was M. Chevalier that he completely deceived the German medical man with his impersonation of a Red Cross man, and triumphantly took his place among the batch of men to be exchanged.

ELECTION SURPRISE.

Liberal Captures Coalitionist Seat at West Leyton—2,019 Majority.

WHY UNIONIST WAS BEATEN.

The result of the West Leyton election, declared yesterday, was a great political surprise; the Liberal capturing the seat by a majority of 2,019. The figures were—

Mr. Alfred E. Newbould (L.) 7,934
Mr. James F. Mason (Co. U.) 5,915

Liberal majority 2,019

At the general election in December the figures were: Colonel Wrightson (Co. U.), 10,956; Mr. A. E. Newbould (L.), 5,283; Co. U. majority, 5,668. The by-election was caused by the death of Colonel Wrightson.

This is the first defeat sustained by the Government since the general election.

The failure of Mr. Mason to hold the seat was ascribed to many causes in political circles.

"First and foremost, it may be attributed to the apathy of the electors," a well-known politician told *The Daily Mirror*.

"There were many who felt it was unnecessary to go to the poll on this occasion on account of the huge majority Mr. Lloyd George has secured for the making of a strong peace."

"There was also some feeling of uneasiness at the prodigious growth of our Estimates, and some of those who voted for the Coalitionist in December took the opportunity to register their protest against 'war Estimates' in peace time."

"A good deal of dissatisfaction has also been simmering in the constituency on account of Sir Albert Stanley's delay in reducing railway fares. The high rates hit severely hundreds of people who travel to and from the City every day."

"It must also be remembered that Mr. Newbould had the advantage of having been before the constituency at the last election."

30,000 NURSES.

Many Who Gave War Services Soon To Be Demobilised.

Some 30,000 nurses, both trained and partly trained, have been mobilised for the nursing services during the war.

The large contribution made by these women to their country in the hour of need is unquestioned.

Many gave up good positions as matrons and nurses to serve within earshot of the guns in France, Italy, Serbia, Egypt and Mesopotamia, or to tend the wounded on board hospital ships under perpetual menace from submarine and mine.

For many, thankfully, their work abroad is now shortly to terminate. It is hoped that those who held permanent positions at home in pre-war days will find their places kept open for them.

In other cases, the demobilised nurses will find that the Bill in and forwarding of Army Form 2.27A will place them on the register of the Nurses' Demobilisation and Resettlement Committee, 16, Curzon-street, Mayfair, W.1.

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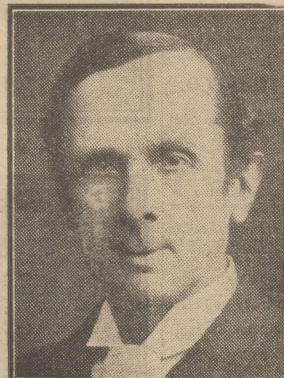


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THE ROYAL PHYSICIAN,
SIR MORELL MACKENZIE, who says:
I have known many people benefited by using Dr. Hair's Asthma Cure.

SOME FASHIONS FOR LITTLE FOLK.



She is proud of her very new frock of apple green, which has a rather quaint cap with fringed ends, which is embroidered to match the lines round the skirt.

There is a reminder of the Russian blouse about this delightful frock of veronica blue washing crepe, but how much newer is its fastening, which ends with a tassel of silver.

The jumper is never out of favour with the small girl; this one is of peach coloured silk worn over brown velvet, and it makes her feel very grown up indeed.

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SACRIFICES UNDER THE COMING BUDGET.

Which Will You Give Up—
Drink or Tobacco?

CHARM OF CIGARETTE.

Which would the average man most readily surrender—drink or tobacco?

The question has derived a certain interest from the possibility that either—or both—may be taxed in the forthcoming Budget.

The average man, however, is not easy to find. *The Daily Mirror* in a quest for one such encountered many men who were very far from approximating to the average.

One was a vegetarian, a second believed that the earth was flat, while a third was of the opinion that the late war was mainly due to the refusal of this country to adopt binetallism. At last the average man was discovered. He was about 5ft. 7in. in height, sprouted a fair moustache and wore a tweed suit.

"DO NOT TAX MY TOBACCO."

Average Man Prefers Cigarette to All Forms of Liquid Refreshment.

The Daily Mirror found him in a club. "I have been a member of this club," he confessed, "for the last ten years. I lunch here every day at one o'clock. I have always done so. I shall always do so."

The average man was becoming distinctly autobiographical. An interview should never be allowed to degenerate into an autobiography. "Which," asked *The Daily Mirror*, coming straight to the point, "would you rather give up—drink or tobacco?"

The average man ordered a whisky and soda from the club attendant.

Then, without a moment's hesitation, he said: "Drink."

"Tobacco, when taken in sufficient quantities, will conduct the adventurous voyager to the topmost pinnacle of ecstasy."

"Ask me to surrender my Chartreuse and I will do so, but do not deprive me of my cigarette."

The eyes of the average man had become wet with tears.

"Then I take it," observed *The Daily Mirror*, "that you are not in favour of an increased tax on tobacco?"

"You appear to be possessed of a quite singular penetration," replied the average man.

JEWEL THEFT MYSTERY.

Sir John Jackson's Portmanteau Stolen While on Train Journey.

A mysterious train robbery, involving the loss of some valuable jewels, is being closely investigated by Detective-Inspector Savage, of Scotland Yard.

One of the passengers travelling on the express from Exeter to Paddington on Thursday evening was Sir John Jackson, and among his luggage was a portmanteau containing a portfolio of correspondence, a number of important documents, and jewellery.

On arrival at Paddington at 5.30 it was discovered that the portmanteau was missing.

The jewel case in the portmanteau contained a gold ring set with emeralds, three rings set with diamonds, and a gold diamond stud.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

Sharp Rise in Cunards—Anglo-Dutch Strong.

From Our City Editor.

THE CITY, Friday. Cunards were quiet, the feature of to-day's markets advancing to 57.16. Important developments are believed to be pending, but no details are available. Buying is persistent and follows all reactions, emanating from Liverpool and Cardiff.

Iron and Steel shares weakish. Babcock Wilcox 39.16, Pearson Knowles 53. United Steels exception 24s. 3d. Straker Squire harder in Motors 21s. 6d.; new issue is pending. Bengal Irons strong 8.

Maypole Deferreds rallied slightly to 20s. 6d., Acrated Breads eased to 31s. 16, Liptons to 25s. 9d., but Lyons very firm 58. Sewing Cottons favoured 31.16 bid, Van den Berghs 3. Channel Tunnel steadied around 15s., after 15s. 9d.

Breweries hardened. Allsopps 46½, Daniells 7½, Parker's Burslem 13, St. Louis 20s, Walker's Homfray 30s., all better.

In mines Johnnies rose smartly to 27s. 1½d., with Buluwayo Explorations a small feature 7s. 4½d. West African tins were few pence harder all round. Kwalls 11s. 6d., London Dubs 2 13.16 bid, Colombian Minings dull 55s. 6d., Chartered 21s. 6d.

In rubbers Anglo-Dutch were good market throughout, closing 40s. 3d. bid; also Java Investments 36s. 6d. Market expects early announcement regarding expropriation of former's huge rice land area by Dutch Colonial Government. Estimates of amount company will receive vary from £500,000 to £800,000. The higher figure is the more probable. Linggis harder, 27s. 9d.

ENTRANTS FOR THE BEAUTY CONTEST.



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A member of the W.R.A.F.s, who worked at a Surrey aerodrome.



Member of Women's Legion in R.A.S.C., M.T.



Formerly on munitions, now serving in the W.R.N.S.

CHARTER FOR WIVES OF MISSING MEN.

Actress Urges Action by Parliament.

CRY OF THE CHILDREN.

"I am sure that every woman in this country will support the view that a short Act of Parliament should be passed by which the wife of a soldier missing since some specific engagement is allowed to presume his death."

Thus writes a well-known actress to *The Daily Mirror* in regard to one of the greatest problems arising out of the war—that of the missing soldier-husband.

"I quite agree," she continues, "that some reasonable period should be allowed to elapse before a second marriage is permitted. There may be occasions when the husband would seize any available pretext for evading his marital responsibilities."

"But seven years, it seems to me, is out of all reason. Then—and this is far more important—there is the question of the children."

HARDSHIP ON CHILDREN.

"As the law at present stands, if a woman whose husband is still missing contracts another marriage the children of such a union are doomed to the stigma of illegitimacy, even though her husband may return to her—a complete and unwelcome stranger—after a lapse of twenty years."

"The problem of the children is an even more important one than that of the wife. These children need a father, and it is monstrous that they should be deprived of those refining and educative influences of home life which do so much to mould the character of our future mothers and fathers."

"The law in regard to bigamy is a gross anomaly. Humanity and common sense both call for a change in the existing situation."

TO PROTECT EX-SOLDIER.

Order to Secure the Businesses of Men Who Have "Done Their Bit."

The following order is issued by the Press Bureau:

Any person proposing to establish or carry on a new retail trade or business or a new branch of any existing business is required by Order to obtain a licence enabling him to do so. The object of the order is to protect the interests of owners of businesses who are serving with the Forces.

As from March 17 the administration of this Order will be transferred from the Ministry of National Service to the Ministry of Labour.

Forms of application for licences under the Order will be obtainable at all employment exchanges.

The ten Divisional Councils in Great Britain which have been formed to co-ordinate the work of Local Advisory Committees are being invited to advise the Minister in the administration of the Order.

NEWS ITEMS.

St. Senan's bell was sold yesterday at 1,250 guineas.

At 101, the death has occurred of Mrs. Sarah Ann Bartlett, Grimby.

A German submarine foundered while being towed into harbour yesterday.

The flood at Peterborough is so great that agricultural implements were sold yesterday in a foot of water.

Seed potatoes not guaranteed free from wart disease are not to be imported from Scotland to England or Wales.

Old-Age Pensions.—Civil Service estimate for old-age pensions for the year is £17,882,000, being an increase of £5,807,000.

A bounty of £3 has been sent by the King to Mr. and Mrs. Downiton, St. Andrews, Guernsey, on the birth of twin girls.

Requiem Mass for metropolitan police soldiers fallen in the war was celebrated by Monsignor Howlett at Westminster Cathedral yesterday.

2,000,000 Demobilised.—Since the armistice 52,579 officers and 1,947,879 men have been discharged or demobilised, says the War Office.

Lord Dunraven's cigarette factory at Adars (Limerick) announces that, as arrangements have been made to carry on the business in temporary premises, all orders will be executed with as little delay as possible.

Bitter Oranges.—The Apricot Pulp and Bitter Oranges Order, 1917, which prohibited dealings in bitter or sour oranges or pulp made from them outside the United Kingdom, has been revoked.

THE BEAUTY COMPETITION.

Beauty is still the universal lodestar. That fact is amply proved by the success of *The Daily Mirror* £1,000 Beauty Competition for Women War Workers. No competition of our day has aroused more interest.

The result will be announced in due course. In the meanwhile, "probable" winners are being interviewed daily at *The Daily Mirror* Offices.

PROSPECTS OF TO-DAY'S LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

Which Clubs Will Be Runners-Up to Everton and the Forest?

LONDON'S BIG GAMES.

With the change in the weather towards more normal March traditions football matches to-day will be played under better conditions than for some weeks past. Rugby is now playing an important part in the fixture list, and in addition to the League games under the "Sorcerer" code there will be two inter-services Rugby games at Twickenham and Newport.

With the championships won in the Lancashire and Midland sections of the League by Everton and Nottingham Forest respectively, chief interest now centres on which team will finish second in the competition. In the London Combination Brentford hold a good lead, and are almost certain to finish as leaders, but there is an even greater doubt as to which club will finish as runners-up.

It very often happens that once a club has pulled off the prize its players get stale and a reaction sets in. Do not think this will be the case with Everton. Still, they did not beat the North End easily last week, and they may not repeat the performance this afternoon at Preston. The North Enders have lost very few matches at Deepdale this season.

STOKE AT MANCHESTER.

Stoke were beaten at home by Manchester United last week, the biggest surprise of many in an afternoon of sensations. It seriously jeopardised their chances of finishing above Liverpool. The victory was something in the nature of a fluke, and I shall be surprised if Stoke do not reverse the result at Old Trafford, provided, of course, they can take a representative team to Manchester. Just now, with demoralisation and other factors at work, teams are liable to great variation from week to week.

Liverpool, on the other hand, were beaten at Blackpool after seeming to have the game well won. They were two goals up at the break, and then lost by three goals to two. Liverpool have only lost one game at Anfield (to Everton on October 5), and Blackpool are not likely to equal the performance of the champions.

After last Saturday's 6-1 defeat at Hyde Road, Port Vale might be looked upon as certain losers to Manchester City at Hanley this afternoon. But the Vale at home and away are two vastly different sides, and I should not be at all surprised to read of their success this evening.

Of the other matches in this section I expect Bolton Wanderers to beat Oldham, Southampton to defeat Bury, and Stockport may turn the tables on Burnley. Blackburn Rovers may record a belated victory at the expense of Rochdale. The Rovers, who have only won three matches up to date, will probably have Shea in their team, now that the Forest have won the Midland championship.

BIRMINGHAM'S PROSPECTS.

Nottingham Forest only just won against Hull City last week, and out of their side they do not may not repeat the performance at Hull this afternoon. Will Birmingham or Notts County finish second? Both have scored 39 pts., both have had more matches won, but should win the County against Grimsby and the "Brams" against Lincoln. In that case, the second place will go to Birmingham on goal average, for Notts are hardly likely to score enough goals to beat the "Brams".

Leeds City, who a week or so ago were making a bold bid for the leading place, can hardly improve on their present position, and, moreover, they are not likely to win at Bramall Lane this afternoon. Sheffield Wednesday are a much better side at home than away, and Leeds' victory last week at Elland Road was a very narrow one.

Sheffield Wednesday, who were beaten at home by Huddersfield last week, can hardly hope to win the return fixture this afternoon. Barnsley may, however, turn the tables on Bradford, who beat them last week at Park Avenue. Bradford City should account for Rotherham at Embsay, and Cardiff City, who were beaten last week, should secure the full points to-day.

LONDON GAMES.

The best match in the London Combination is the meeting of Brentford and the Arsenal at Gillingham Park. In the matter of league football, it is rather amusing to note that the "Bees," the prospective champions, are as yet a Second Division Southern League club, and the Arsenal can now boast the First League honours. It says much for the team building powers of the Brentford executive that they should have attracted such a side around them as they have done. Brentford this season would give either Everton or the Forest a good game and a possible beating.

Brentford will probably win to-day, but the Arsenal, who are well after the second place, will put up a big fight, and a draw would not be very surprising. Brentford have a big strength, but there is a doubt about one or two of the Arsenal players.

West Ham United, who are equal on points with the Arsenal, but are behind on goal average, entertain Chelsea. With Huddersfield back in the side the Hammers are now at their best again. To-day they will have Chedzey and Harrison, of Everton, in their side. Chelsea, who will have Wilding at centre forward, have been showing such indifferent form of late that West Ham are the likely winners.

The "Spurs" after a very bad streak, during

A RETURN MATCH.—Private Talley, M.M., passes to Private Matthews, M.M., in the second match between wounded officers and wounded men at Esmouth. The referee, Lieutenant Newton, was on crutches.

which they have fallen from second place to very near the bottom of the table, should get a bit of a lift to-day at Homerton, where, with Minter leading the attack, they are likely to beat the Orient.

Fulham's defeat at Highbury last week by 5 to 0 was a very surprising business, especially as they looked like winning comfortably in the first half. They will be getting some sort of satisfaction out of Crystal Palace, who visit Craven Cottage this afternoon, for the Glaziers are not the same side without their R.N.D. contingent.

There will be a great crowd at New Cross, where Millwall entertain Queen's Park Rangers. After the victory at Selhurst last week Millwall should certainly more than hold their own with the Rangers. Still, Millwall have been in-and-out, and the Rangers have been very consistent of late, winning their last six matches. And, beyond saying that it will be a keen, hard game, I should not like to be unduly prophetic.

P. J. M.

RUGBY'S CHIEF GAMES.

Army and R.A.F. to Meet To-day at Twickenham.

Followers of Rugby are well catered for to-day, a big fixture list being set for decision. After the spell of spring-like weather experienced this week grounds should be in splendid order.

Chief interest naturally centres round the matches to be decided in the Inter-Services and Dominion Rugby Tournament. All six representatives in the competition have now been engaged. The R.A.F. have twice taken the field, and on each occasion suffered a reverse. First the New Zealanders and then the South Africans were their conquerors.

To-day the R.A.F. will oppose the British Army at Twickenham. A large crowd will assemble to witness the match, which should be very closely contested. Last Saturday the Army were successful over the Australians, but there was not a great deal in it. In fact, had the Australian side shared the honours it would have been a better result.

Both sides will make changes. In the Army team Major Sloan will displace Captain Pantlin as left wing three-quarter, and Major Hedderwick and C.S.M. I. Jones will be found in the back in place of Major Sykes and Captain Finlay.

Two changes are announced in the R.A.F. fifteen. Lieutenant H. W. Taylor playing as stand-off half in place of Major Thomas, and Captain Copland will appear in the forward line instead of Lieutenant Sydnor.

FRENCH TEAM TO VISIT ENGLAND.

At Newport the South Africans and Australians meet. Compared with last Saturday's unsuccessful team, the Australians have five changes. Pountney, Boxward, Matthews, Bradburn, and Copland are displacing Watkins, Hickey, Buchanan, Thompson and Murray.

Probably the Africans will be satisfied with their winning side of last week. They are strong forward, Captain Morkel making a vast difference to the line. A strenuous game will be seen, with the Springboks the probable winners.

London Rugby men who prefer club matches to the more exciting tournament game at Twickenham can still spend a day at the ground Old Deer Park between the Public Schools Services and the R.M.C. from Sandhurst.

The French Army have accepted an invitation to send over to England a team to play the winners of the Inter-Services and Dominion Forces Rugby competition, in which the Mother Country, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the Royal Air Force are taking part.

The match will be decided at Twickenham, and as the competition ends on Saturday, April 12, the meeting between the winners of the tournament and the French Army will probably take place on Saturday, April 13, but as yet the date has not been definitely decided.

HARROW SCHOOL SPORTS.

Harrow School sports were continued yesterday on the school running track at Harrow with the heats of the 100 yards and the semi-final of the 200 yards, both events being open to the school. Deeds were won by the following:

100 Yards.—Heat winners: I. Spencer and W. D. Macpherson. 200 Yards.—E. J. Richards, I. Spencer, W. D. Macpherson, and G. G. Phillips qualified for the final.

In the final tie of the school Association football and some matches, Mr. E. M. Butler's beat the Headmaster's by 3 goals to nil.

To-night's Ring Boxing.—At the Ring to-night Alf Craig (Aldgate) and Billy Pullerton (Kensington Town) will meet in twenty rounds.

ENTENTE BOXING.

Sporting Rivalry Between the English and French.

BOUNTS AT THE STADIUM

Boxing has cemented the great friendship, understanding and regard which exist between England and France.

It was in the boxing ring that the average Englishman first understood the temperament of the average Frenchman, when Cartierier defeated Wells, our champion, at Ghent and the National Sporting Club.

Circumstances have proved that the French have the temperament and genius for boxing, and it is a good indication of the friendship now established between the two countries that three of France's champions are meeting three English boxers in the ring next Thursday.

The event takes place at the Holborn Stadium, when Raymond Vittel, the 8st. 6lb. champion of France, will meet Billy Fry, Ives Craig, who claims the French fly-weight championship, opposes George Langham over ten rounds, and Andre Dupre, bantam-weight, will box fifteen rounds with Mike Blake.

The French Ambassador and many prominent members of the French colony are expected to be present at this contest.

Raymond Vittel thinks there is no one in the world at his weight who can beat him, and many people share his opinion. Nevertheless, I shall not be surprised if the view of the French champion is not materially changed after next Thursday.

Exclusive pictures of these bouts will appear in *The Daily Mirror*. R. C.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

LANCASHIRE SECTION.

Blackburn R. v. Rochdale. Bolton W. v. Oldham A. Liverpool v. Blackpool. Manchester U. v. Stoke.

MIDLAND SECTION.

Barnsley v. Bradford. Bolton W. v. Oldham A. Bradford C. v. Rochdale R. Huddersfield T. v. Sheffield U.

LONDON COMBINATION.

Brentford v. Arsenal. West Ham U. v. Chelsea. Charlton A. v. Rotherham F.

NORTHERN VICTORY LEAGUE.

Newcastle U. v. Sunderland. Shields U. v. Middlesbrough F.

SCOTTISH VICTORY CUP.—Second Round.—Hamilton A. v. Glasgow Rangers. St. Mirren v. Clyde. Third Round.—Glasgow Rangers v. Ardronians. Motherwell v. Greenock Morton. Celtic v. Albion Rovers. Hibernian v. Arbroath. Perth v. Dundee.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Kilmarnock v. Clydebank. CHATHAM CHARITY CUP.—Chatham v. Sheppey United.

BUILDUP CUP.—Third Round.—Welsh Guards v. Grenadier Guards (at Ranelagh Club, Barnes).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.—Dulwich Hamlet v. Nantwich. Leytonstone v. Leytonstone (by arrangement).

UNITED SENIOR LEAGUE.—Catford Southend v. Daracres. Tunbridge Wells v. Barnet Athletic.

MIDLAND VICTORY LEAGUE.—Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Bristol City. Notts County v. Reading.

ASSOCIATION MATCHES.—Cardiff City v. Pontypridd. Westminster v. Bradford College. Gillingham v. Royal Naval School. Signal School v. Dunsable. Oxford City v. Oxford University. Bristol City v. Bristol Dockers.

SCOTTISH VICTORY CUP.—Newcastle v. Reading. Southampton v. 8th London Regiment.

INTER-SERVICES RUGBY COMPETITION.—At Newport. South Africa v. South Africa. England v. England. R.A.F. v. R.A.F.

RUGBY MATCHES.—Leicester, an English XV, v. New Rugby. Cross Keys, an English XV, v. Aberystwyth. Aberystwyth v. Ebbw Vale. Cambridge University v. Cambridge University. Cambridge University v. Cambridge University.

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BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Northampton Institute, Clerkenwell, will be the venue of the Amateur and Army Boxing Championships. The University, Hospital and Cadet Championships will be decided on May 7, the Imperial Services Championships on 12th and 14th, and the Open Amateur Championships on 23rd and 24th.

UNIVERSITY BOAT RACES.

The Oxford University Boat Club yesterday sent a challenge to Cambridge University Boat Club to row two eight-oared races at Henley this year.

"NATIONAL" FAVOURITE WINS AT GATWICK.

Smart Performance of Poethlyn in Trial Double Chase.

RACE WON IN A CANTER.

Garwick, Friday.

"That is the finest steeplechaser in this country," was the remark made to me by an excellent judge of the game, when, amidst a storm of cheers, Poethlyn came romping in first for the Double Trial Chase at Gatwick this afternoon.

Piggott, thoroughly recovered from his fall of the previous afternoon, rode the winner, and had so much in hand of his four opponents that he was looking round after the last jump was cleared. Poethlyn fence perfectly, and the burst of speed with which he finished bore eloquent testimony to his staying powers. He will now be a firmer favourite for the Grand National than ever.

Another glorious spring morning favoured visitors. There had been hours of a nice drying wind, and the course was certainly a trifle easier to ride than previously, whilst the attendance was remarkably good.

With Wavertree and Water Bed certain absences the big race lost some of its attractiveness. Early on there were two tales concerning Ally Sloper, one being that Ivor Andriano would declare two or three pounds over his bet to enter to ride, and the other being that Lady Nelson's horse would not go. The latter proved correct.

By the way, it was good to learn that Ally's usual jockey, Mr. Jack Anthony, is on his feet again. I gathered, however, that he has abandoned all idea of being able to ride at Liverpool.

Poethlyn looked a perfect picture, and there was no doubt that he won the Irish mare Pay Only, though she is somewhat on the small side. Backers fell over themselves to back Poethlyn, and laid 5 to 4 on. Vermont had friends at 8 to 2, and Pay Only, after opening at something like the latter rate, went out to sizes.

HOW POETHLYN WON.

The field kept close company all the way, with Pay Only slightly in the van, but on the flat the favourite, which fenced beautifully, came with a great burst, to win by three lengths, with Loch Allen a bad third. It is very difficult to imagine any of the field reversing the decision.

A quiet evening was made with the Priory Singing "Chase," in which Piggott gave a foretaste of what was to come by riding The Last to victory. Odds of 11 to 8 had been laid on Mr. Parn's horse, but he made a fair start, and though challenged by Minstrel Park two fences from home, won easily.

The Ferry Stealing Hurdle was a good betting race, with Pay Only a good price. A favourite at 5 to 4. The race was run at a good pace, but the outsider, Sporting Parson, won easily by six lengths from the favourite. The apprentice up on the winner caused some amusement by riding hard from the last jump, although he had the race in hand.

SEA VOYAGE'S VICTORY.

For the Grange Hurdle Handicap the runners included the previous day's winner, Ceyx, which had to shoulder a 7lb. penalty. Gore relied upon Drumlanrig in preference to the previous day's disappointment, Golden Daisy, and in a good market that one was made favourite from Ceyx. There was also money for Sippet Charlie and Dr. Kyan.

The field kept close company until half a mile from home, when Drumlanrig broke the pace, and was away. Sippet Charlie, from home Saxby brought Sea Voyage away to win by three-quarters of a length from Sippet Charlie, the favourite being another six lengths away.

One of the new runners for the Novices' Chase was Nursery Camp, which has been objected to for the Enclosure Chase, which he won at Warwick on Monday. Odds were laid on Toadstone, but he fell three furlongs from home, leaving Marties to win by a distance. The early tips, Swinerton and Muscovite, were both absent from the Four-Year-Old Hurdle Race and Longeline, which had missed a race earlier in the day, won by four lengths from a better-fitted candidate in Abiad.

BOUVERIE.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RETURNS.

1.50.—PRIORY S. CHASE. 2.50.—THE LAST (11.11). Piggott (10.11). Ceyx (10.11). Golden Daisy (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Ceyx (10.11). Winner trained by Gore.

2.50.—FERRY S. HURDLE. 2.50.—SPORTING PARSON (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Winner trained by Gore.

2.50.—TRIAL DOUBLE CHASE (11.11).—POETHLYN (10.11). Pay Only (10.11). Pay Only (10.11). Pay Only (10.11). Pay Only (10.11). Winner trained by Piggott.

3.20.—GRANGE HURDLE. 2.1m.—SEA VOYAGE (10.11). A. Saxby (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Winner trained by Piggott.

3.45.—NOVICES' CHASE. 2m.—MARTIS (10.11). W. Head (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Winner trained by Piggott.

4.15.—SURREY 4-YO HURDLE. 2m.—LONGERLINE (10.11). A. Saxby (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Sippet Charlie (10.11). Winner trained by Piggott.

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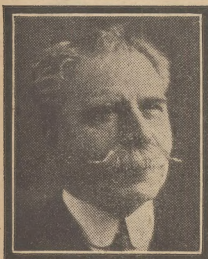
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MEN IN TC-DAY'S NEWS.



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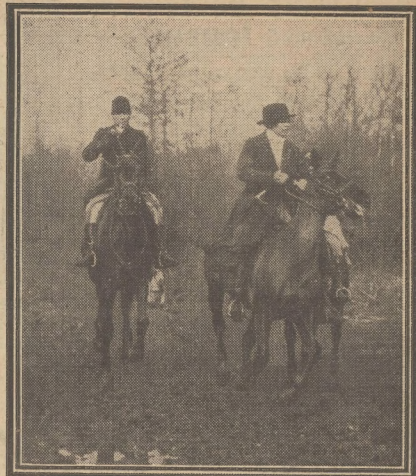


Lieut.-Gen. Sir E. Travers Clarke, who is mentioned as a probable successor to Gen. Sir John Cowans, the Quartermaster-General to the Forces.

MORE TIME FOR HUNTING: NURSE ATTENDS A MEET



Mrs. E. B. Callander, First Aid Yeomanry.



The Tally Ho! "And the sound of his horn—"



—brought the fox from his lair." The hounds breaking cover in full cry.

Photographs taken at a meet of the Garth Hounds at Mattingley Green, near Basingstoke. There is more time for hunting now, as the claims of war work, especially in the case of women, are less urgent.



FARM WORKERS.—The shortage of labour was very acute in New Zealand, and tiny girls helped to feed what at a later period becomes frozen mutton.



Anzacs off for a row on the Serpentine. The "cox" will be a stern critic.

THE GREAT SURPRISE OF THE WEEK.—It has not rained for two whole days! Some people are so inured to rain that they automatically turn up their collars and open



Feeding the swans in Hyde Park, and no Food Controller to say no.



Much nicer than having to stop indoors all day.

their umbrellas on leaving home, but others have grasped the fact that the weather is fine and are crowding the parks.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)